



Ohio Summit on Children

65 South Front Street Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431

Post Summit Planning Form

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As they relate to *safety, well-being and permanent home environments* for children in your county, please complete the following:

WHAT ARE THE TOP FIVE STRENGTHS AND/OR RESOURCES IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

1. Collaboration & Cooperation across system boundaries
2. Focus on family-centered practice
3. Resource rich (e.g. Child Advocacy Center, Rocking Horse Center)
4. Respite/foster homes for initial/crisis placement
5. Multiple forums for joint decision-making (Family and Children First

Council/Interagency Review Committee/Family Stability Committee/Child and

Family Collaborative/Interagency Cluster/Cluster Supervisors Group)

WHAT ARE THE TOP FIVE CHALLENGES FACING YOUR COMMUNITY?

1. Escalating costs, increased regulation and administrative accountability without revenue increase or flexibility
2. Substance abuse beyond national norms
3. Insufficient behavioral health treatment and intensive treatment programs

4. Parenting programs for general population and focused on fatherhood
5. Intervening with parents early (state does not prioritize early intervention and prevention)

WHAT ARE THE TOP FIVE MOST-NEEDED SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES?

1. County-wide child/family assessment two years before Kindergarten
2. Family Court (ability of court to hold parents accountable to parenting; children attend court hearings as developmentally appropriate)
3. Early intervention (use Mediation prior to Shelter Care; frequent court appearances during first 30 days)
4. Targeted use of available resources (understand which resources are useful, which providers are effective, and transfer learning)
5. Effective teamwork involving families and service providers (regular and timely review of case plans; listen to parents and children; utilize incentives)

WHAT ACTION STEPS WILL BE TAKEN LOCALLY TO DEVELOP NEEDED SERVICES OR ADDRESS LOCAL CHALLENGES?

1. Utilize strategic planning process (Partnerships for Success)
2. Integrate planning into existing Family and Children First structures and processes (Executive Committee, Child and Family Collaborative, Interagency Cluster)
3. Establish Family Court Workgroup
4. Establish Child/Family Assessment Workgroup
5. Establish Early and Intensive Service Delivery Workgroup

BEYOND FUNDING, WHAT ACTION DOES THE COUNTY NEED FROM THE STATE TO HELP THE COUNTY ACHIEVE ITS ACTION PLAN?

1. Legislation related to court authority to engage parents
2. Streamline confidentiality and release of information
3. Streamline and unify case plans
4. Maintain and expand flexible use of funding at the discretion of local administrators
5. Identify and disseminate knowledge of effective practices while increasing the capacity at the state and local level to implement evidence-based practices