

## POST-SUMMIT PLANNING FORM

### TO BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 1, 2008

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

#### **WHAT ARE THE TOP FIVE ISSUES AFFECTING THE SAFETY, WELL-BEING AND PERMANENT HOME ENVIRONMENTS OF CHILDREN?**

1. Fallout from foster care tragedy that occurred in County.
2. Limited prevention and early intervention focus - problems identified when already severe/difficult.
3. Parents not willing or unable to engage or not willing or unable to change - parents who have significant difficulties with parenting.
4. Impact of alcohol and drug addiction on family stability.
5. Economic issues affecting families' ability to adequately function (increased stress, increased use of alcohol/drugs, money problems lead to choosing between basic needs and appropriate parenting).

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

1. Shared goals and responsibilities regarding children.
2. Willingness to really work together.
3. Innovativeness, creativity, experimental in solving problems and finding solutions (e.g. FASTTRACK).
4. Working on increasing communications between agencies in new ways!
5. Successful efforts to involve schools (districts, individual schools, educational service center) in school-based services and clusters.

### **WHAT ARE THE TOP FIVE CHALLENGES FACING YOUR COMMUNITY?**

1. LACK OF RESOURCES. (Funding Services)
2. TRANSPORTATION.
3. Children with more severe issues (e.g. AOD) coupled with more difficulty engaging parents.
4. Different cultures and needs in communities in County, each needing different approaches.
5. Too few foster families - difficulty recruiting.

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

1. Prevention/Early Identification of children/families at risk.
2. In-County residential treatment and/or crisis stabilization facility.
3. More therapeutic foster care homes and foster families.
4. Services for Transitional Age Youth (ACT Team, Independent Living, etc).
5. More, and more focused, intensive home-based services.

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

1. Take information back to already established planning team.
2. Review best practices from other counties from Ohio Summit on Children Program Guide.
3. In-depth analysis of children currently in placement.
4. Gather information from existing programs that Clermont interested in implementing.
5. Solicit support from County officials and full Family and Children First Council membership.

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

1. Don't change rules without understanding impact on local community.
2. Allow more flexibility in using funding. (Able to pool funds easier, use for what's really needed).
3. Remove state-imposed barriers/roadblocks to local collaboration/partnerships.
4. Involve counties in decision-making process - respect local
5. community input.