

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 STRENGTHS AND/OR RESOURCES IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

1. Collaborative values and practices by stakeholders.
2. Overall effectiveness and performance of public education.
3. In a comparative sense, a high frequency of functional families.
4. Level of commitment of existing service providers.
5. A history of success with a variety of collaborative projects.

WHAT ARE THE TOP FIVE CHALLENGES FACING YOUR COMMUNITY?

1. Endemic drug/alcohol abuse.
2. Timely, consistent mental health support.
3. Gaps in parent proficiency and services geared to enhance parent proficiency.
4. Educational effectiveness for the group of youth who do not adapt to the typical public education environment.
5. Establishing and maintaining the "we" value among all service providers, at all levels.

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

1. Improved mental health capabilities.
2. Improved education options for youth who do not function successfully in the typical public school

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environment.

3. Expanded and enhanced foster care alternatives.
4. Preventative drug and alcohol education.
5. Parent proficiency education

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

1. See attached summary
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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

1. Expanded rules and guidelines directing the use of various funding streams; including but not limited to TANF.
 2. Reduce and streamline paperwork requirements for direct care workers and middle managers.
Example; JFS risk management.
 3. Reduce frequent process/reporting changes and modifications to state program requirements.
Examples; Help Me Grow, FCF OCBF grant application
 - 4.
 - 5.
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July 30, 2008

To: Ohio Supreme Court

From: Darke County

Re: Post-summit action steps

I. What action steps will be taken locally to develop needed services or address local challenges?

1. Hold a local Summit for children with the intended goals of:
 - a. Renewing and refreshing the “we principle” and the values of local cooperation and collaboration. One logical goal of this Summit could be to re-create a system wide letter of commitment defining the values and goals that are shared by all systems regardless of individual mission. This tactic has produced positive results in the past.
 - b. Define behaviorally and operationally what people will say and do (and not do) in the practice of the “we principle”. This could be a post Summit task. The thinking here is that it’s not enough to say yes we believe in the “We principle” but to also clarify how this principle impacts the attitude, actions, and of all of us.
 - c. Soliciting system wide input regarding the questions community strengths and challenges.
2. Use the concept of “the eyes of a child” at the local Summit to re-enforce the “We principle”.
3. To avoid confusion, and duplication of effort, be sure to blend this collaborative assessment and planning process with existing (mandated) collaborative planning and assessment efforts. What this specifically means is utilize the HB 289 community assessment and planning process FCF has just approved in the implementation of Summit planning and activities.
4. Establish and implement a community assessment and data collection process to assist the ongoing work defined by the local Summit.
5. Commit to community wide cross system training process that will educate all service providers (This also can be an inclusion exercise to solicit additional input) regarding the work, conclusions and commitments generated by the Summit. In the past we’ve successfully done this type of comprehensive training regarding; the “We principle”, the continuum of care, IDT, and juvenile justice.

6. Establish a work group to address the question of enhanced mental health services.
7. Decide how to measure and evaluate whatever action steps are selected.