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POST-SUMMIT PLANNING FORM

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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. Strong collaborative foundation - Resourceful
2. Strong family value culture – Extended family support systems
3. Multiple well-being programs for at-risk youth and families
4. Small geographic area between health and human services agencies – Public transit availability
5. Ability to strategically plan – Utilization of local data

WHAT ARE THE TOP FIVE CHALLENGES FACING YOUR COMMUNITY?

1. Gaps in services: Due to limited capacity, funding and available infrastructure
2. Poverty: Public assistance “lifestyle” – Culture of entitlement
3. Lack of Educational Attainment – Lack of high school diploma
4. High turnover of local school districts’ administrations – Lack of consistent leadership
5. Availability of moderate-pay employment – Shrinking Middle Class

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

1. Programming and funding for alcohol and drug and mental health services
2. Services and funding for “working poor”
3. Transitional housing for displaced families
4. Infrastructure to support at-risk families across systems – Cooperation between health and human service agencies and school districts
5. Transition programming/services for youth aging out of care

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

1. Enhance infrastructure to expedite needed services – Reduce delays
2. Engage school districts to work collaboratively on global cross-systems issues
3. Educate youth and families about effects of drugs and alcohol on unborn children
4. Continue prevention programming – Teen Pregnancy Prevention, Abuse and Neglect Prevention
5. Increase service coordination for at-risk families – Education public/agencies of available resources

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

1. Allow children services agencies to intervene before child is born to prevent Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and drug addicted babies
2. Develop collaboration at State level to eliminate barriers to service at local level – Autism services
3. Creative flexible funding system across all systems – Allow for true collaboration and funding
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