

**POST-SUMMIT PLANNING FORM****TO BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 1, 2008**E-mail to [summitonchildren@sc.ohio.gov](mailto:summitonchildren@sc.ohio.gov) or fax to 614.387.9409.**COUNTY NAME:** Lake County Job and Family Services**CONTACT NAME:** Teresa Palm**CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:** (440) 350-4245**CONTACT E-MAIL:** [palmt@odjfs.state.oh.us](mailto:palmt@odjfs.state.oh.us)

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. Innovative and collaborative programs in place.
2. Commitment and open approach on behalf of Lake County Summit members.
3. Funding available and flexible to agency needs.
4. Variety of services (drug/alcohol, mental health, parenting classes, foster and adoption) located within own county.
5. Families and children are valued in the community.

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

1. Awareness of global community issues and programs.
2. Law Enforcement response to child abuse/neglect/dependency issues within the community-can be inconsistent and not family oriented.
3. Lack of communication/education about agency programming.
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**WHAT ARE THE TOP FIVE MOST-NEEDED SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES?**

- 1. Affordable drug/alcohol, mental health, and parenting services.
- 2. Collaborative and consistent approach to families from all community agencies, including law enforcement.
- 3. Immediate access to community services-no waiting lists.
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**WHAT ACTION STEPS WILL BE TAKEN LOCALLY TO DEVELOP NEEDED SERVICES OR ADDRESS LOCAL CHALLENGES?**

- 1. Cross-training to become aware of different programming between agencies.
- 2. Regular monthly meeting between Summit members to discuss challenges/needs of the community.
- 3. Forum with Lake County foster and adoptive parents to discuss and listen to what they feel are issues for children in foster care.
- 4. Look into possible "1st responders" team approach, including law enforcement, juvenile court, mental health, and children srvs. to address child abuse/neglect/dependency issues immediately & consistently.
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**BEYOND FUNDING, WHAT ACTION DOES THE COUNTY NEED FROM THE STATE TO HELP THE COUNTY ACHIEVE ITS ACTION PLAN?**

- 1. Legislative review of CAPTA regulations/limitations and its' impact on keeping children safe and protected.
- 2. Review the ability for Medicaid paying for clinical consultations.
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