

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 OUR COMMUNITY?

1. Generosity of its citizens. Taxpayers support independent levies for schools and the boards of children services, mental health and MRDD.
2. Foundations. Lorain County has 4 foundations (Community, Stocker, Nord, Nordson) of significant size within the county.
3. The sense of community. Communities rally when one of their own is in need.
4. The Integrated Services Partnership- a voluntary collaborative composed of MRDD, ADAS, MH, CSB and Juvenile Court which focuses on the needs of children and families.
5. The level of communication and collaboration between the child-serving agencies.

WHAT ARE THE TOP FIVE CHALLENGES FACING YOUR COMMUNITY?

1. Faltering economy with the ensuing loss of jobs and number of home foreclosures.
2. The number of children who do not graduate from high school.
3. Increasing number of youth who commit violent crimes.
4. Family violence.
5. Substance abuse.

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

1. Lorain County has created "The 5% Project". The premise is the ISP Partners believe we experience less than optimal outcomes with 5% of the children we serve across systems.
2. Each ISP partner has assigned 4 staff to participate in a year-long planning process to define what is a "less than optimal outcome", what are the characteristics of the youth with whom we are less successful, and what are some strategies, interventions and/or programs that would improve our chances of these children experiencing positive outcomes.
3. Utilize additional focus groups to enhance planning processes.

4. Create plan for review and potential adoption by the Integrated Services Partnership.
5. Begin implementation of strategies, interventions and/or programs.

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

1. This will be determined by the planning group and the Integrated Services Partnership as the process unfolds.



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