

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 ISSUES AFFECTING THE SAFETY, WELL-BEING AND PERMANENT HOME ENVIRONMENTS OF CHILDREN?

1. Substance Abuse
2. Low Graduation Rate
3. Parenting Skills
4. Poverty
5. Economic Climate in Marion County

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

1. Existing collaboration and willingness for open communication between agencies and organizations
2. Cooperation between youth serving organizations
3. Mental and medical health resources
4. Educational Resources
5. County size

WHAT ARE THE TOP FIVE CHALLENGES FACING YOUR COMMUNITY?

- 1. Substance Abuse
- 2. School Funding - Little to no value placed on education by a portion of our culture
- 3. Engaging children and families in education
- 4. Cycle of poverty/generational poverty
- 5. Lack of parenting management skills

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

- 1. Raise the value placed on education by increasing parental involvement and resolving disputes through mediation and making uniform among all schools the attendance policies and enforcement
- 2. Develop health programming to address the risk of teen pregnancy
- 3. Develop programming and services to address risk of teen drug and alcohol use and abuse.
- 4. Coordinate and better utilize job training programs and adult education to address poverty in our county
- 5. Coordinate and develop parenting programming to increase parenting skills

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

- 1. Education team to focus on ways to improve graduation rates
- 2. Drug and alcohol team to increase education and awareness of drug and alcohol abuse
- 3. Coordinate health and school services to address education regarding teen pregnancy team assigned.
- 4. Economic development and job training team to coordinate efforts to increase job opportunities and readiness to reduce poverty.
- 5. Parenting team to develop and coordinate services to increase parenting skills

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

- 1. Solution to school funding - soon
- 2. Continue state-wide collaborative efforts to address Ohio's children through follow up and measurement of initiatives that have been developed through this Summit
- 3. To strengthen legal representation in the area of family law, Encourage law schools and bar examiners to focus on family law
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