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

1. Lack of adequate number of foster homes in the county which results in children being placed outside the county which limits the services that can be offered to these children by the agencies in Meigs County.
2. The need to develop an emergency response team for children who are not already receiving service coordination through the FCFCs service coordination mechanism.
3. The lack of parenting capacity of some of the families we are dealing with.
4. The geographic, economic and physical barriers families have to services in the county.
5. The need to streamline and develop protocols among agencies to prevent duplication of services and provide more cost effective and timely services to families.

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

1. Interagency collaboration on developing goal and strategies for families.
2. The commitment of all child serving agencies in the county to work toward the same goal by combining resources and manpower.
3. The commitment of the out of county partners to work with the agencies in Meigs County to work toward the successful completion of the family's goal.

- 4. The ability to brainstorm ideas, develop strategies and implement plans in a relatively short amount of time.
- 5. A receptive juvenile court judge.

WHAT ARE THE TOP FIVE CHALLENGES FACING YOUR COMMUNITY?

- 1. Lack of funding for certain activities. For example, residential treatment placements.
- 2. When there is funding, there seems to be a surplus for planning, but not enough for implementation.
- 3. The lack of opportunities for youth to stay in the county once they become adults.
- 4. The geographic, economic and physical barriers families have to services in the county.
- 5. The high number of people living in poverty which put increased pressure on their families.

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

- 1. The lack of medical care in the county. For example, there is no hospital or emergency room services.
- 2. The lack of public transportation.
- 3. The lack of positive social activities.
- 4. The geographic, economic and physical barriers families have to services in the county.
- 5. The high unemployment rate and lack of jobs.

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

- 1. A local Summit on Children is being planned.
- 2. Streamlining policies and procedures to make it easier to provide services to families across a wide range of agencies.
- 3. Continue to work with the agencies in Meigs County that provide services to children.

4. Recognize our accomplishments, but continue to strive to develop better services to families.
5. Continue to search and apply for different funds or grants to bring more services into the county.

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

1. Drop or reduce some of the funding restrictions.
2. Reallocate funding so more of it can be used for implementation and not planning.
3. Technical assistance on funding mandates.
4. Consistency among state agencies on rules and regulations as it relates to serving children and families.
5. Local or regional trainings or summits on a quarterly or semi annual basis to continue what we stated at the Summit on Children.