

**POST-SUMMIT PLANNING FORM
TO BE COMPLETED BY AUGUST 1, 2008**

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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. Poverty / Unemployment
2. Lack of foster homes in the county
3. Behavioral Health issues (i.e., drugs, alcohol, and mental health)
4. Abuse, neglect, and domestic violence
5. Lack of transportation

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

1. Interagency cooperation - collaboration
2. Family & Children First Council and Cluster
3. Positive relationship with school districts and two strong school systems
4. Service Providers developing solutions with limited resources and funding
5. Adequate mental health & drug/alcohol resources

WHAT ARE THE TOP FIVE CHALLENGES FACING YOUR COMMUNITY?

1. Acceptance of alcohol, tobacco, and substance abuse
2. Economic conditions “lack of jobs”
3. Funding for schools, courts, DJFS, and all other public agencies
4. Improving the economic stability of the county
5. Adequate public transportation

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

1. Placement options and funding for high need youth
2. Affordable parent education training programs
3. Mental health and drug addiction services “specialized”
4. Public transportation
5. Positive social activities for families and youth

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

1. Continued collaboration and communication among agencies and staff
2. Continue to enhance the collaboration and communication among the court system
3. Lobby for transportation services
4. Community Education on available resources
5. Develop a proactive system rather than a reactive system “Early Identification & Prevention”

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

1. Flexibility in funding streams
2. Appointment of family members to State FCFC cabinet
3. Make grant writing easier and less competitive - “example, Incredible Years”
4. Improve communication at state level to the counties
5. Re-open a state operated Psychiatric Hospital for children and youth