

OHIO SUMMIT ON CHILDREN

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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 STRENGTHS AND/OR RESOURCES IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

1. Strong Family and Children First Council
2. Partnerships have helped to bring in resources and reduce duplication
3. Data informed planning
4. We address challenges with research-based strategies
5. Programs are evaluated

WHAT ARE THE TOP FIVE CHALLENGES FACING YOUR COMMUNITY?

1. Engaging other partners, i.e. funders, elected officials, business, faith based
2. Children are behind before they start school
3. Not enough foster homes
4. Need more adult role models/mentors
5. Parent engagement

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

1. Services and supports for children 0-5: Need additional home visiting and family support services, especially for families with children ages 0-3 and we need a "child find" process for at risk children ages 3-5 for early intervention programs.
2. Need additional capacity for wraparound process.
3. Need additional mentoring.
4. Need more foster parents.
5. Need additional accessible mental health services – effective assessments and treatment.

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

1. Build a baseline health/mental health status profile for children ages 0-11, with an emphasis on 0-5, using secondary data sources. Research existing national and state parent/guardian surveying methods and instruments to gather additional county-level health/mental health status information for children ages 0-11.
2. Review Help Me Grow screening, parent engagement, and referral process.
3. Develop a “child find” process for at risk children ages 3-5 for early intervention programs.
4. Expand wraparound services.
5. Enhance school/community mentoring program for High School Students.

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

1. “Flexible” funding grants (ex. Government agencies and Schools could not apply for recent faith and community based mentoring grant)
2. Mandated standard of care/ wellness assessment (developmental, mental health, behavior, cognitive)
3. Provide training for priority initiatives.
4. Assist with identification of research-based practices for priority issues.