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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 schools
2. Agency partnerships in the county
3. Strong concern for welfare of children and families in the county
4. Strong middle class – economic stability and availability of jobs with benefits
5. Strong church community

WHAT ARE THE TOP FIVE CHALLENGES FACING YOUR COMMUNITY?

1. Funding for schools, court and all public service agencies
2. Sustaining the economic stability of the county
3. County's growth/process of urbanization (diversity of population)
4. Addiction (alcoholism and drug abuse)
5. Trauma in the home

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

1. Services for families experiencing trauma
2. Drug and alcohol education
3. Court programs for youth/families affected by drug/alcohol abuse
4. Early childhood services
5. Better collection, analysis and use of data among agencies for improving youth/family programs

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

1. Training existing agencies regarding drug/alcohol abuse, mental illness and families with special needs children as risk factors for abuse/neglect/dependency issues
2. Launch a focus on prescription and street drug abuse with the professional medical community, and with parents
3. Increase awareness/support for Family Treatment/Drug Court and create related programs
4. Identify maternal depression and identify children in pre-school programs with emerging behavioral problems, so that services can be provided
5. Utilizing Partners for Success, beginning 10/1/2008 to address the data issues

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

1. Address regulatory relief concept and need for less categorical funding (more local discretion)
2. Assistance in inter-agency data merging through technology
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.