

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. Number and time children spend in out-of-home care.
2. Reactive system rather than pro-active system.
3. Repeat filings on same families.
4. Chronic substance and alcohol abuse of parents.
5. Lack of public transportation.

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

1. Childrens Advocacy Center
2. Local inter-agency cooperation
3. Well staffed and funded Children Services Board.
4. Strong foster network system
5. Diverson Team of the Children and Family First Council.

WHAT ARE THE TOP FIVE CHALLENGES FACING YOUR COMMUNITY?

1. Mental health care for children.
2. A runaway shelter
3. Increasing drug and alcohol addiction.
4. Affordable housing
5. Out-of-wedlock births; single parent families.

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

1. Mental health counseling.
2. Public transportation.
3. Housing
4. Safe, dependable day care
5. Periodic and regular court review of cases.

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

1. Increase team meetings
2. Continued communication between organizations.
3. Expand Beyond the Numbers Committee to add additional resources.
4. Lobby for expanded transportation.
5. Increase home based services.

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

1. Provide mental health and competency testing for youth through local forensic centers.
2. Open a psychiatric hospital for youth in central Ohio.
3. Educate the Supreme Court and Ohio Legislature on youth issues and why Juvenile Judges should have more discretion.
4. Decrease documentation demands on caseworkers.
5. Centralize and reduce duplication of information demands by the state.