

POST-SUMMIT PLANNING FORM

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WHAT ARE THE TOP FIVE ISSUES AFFECTING THE SAFETY, WELL-BEING AND PERMANENT HOME ENVIRONMENTS OF CHILDREN?

1. Parental Education
2. Pockets of poverty/affordable housing
3. Early intervention for mental health services for the entire family
4. Viability for sustained foster care (less people are volunteering to be foster parents due to stringent regulations)
5. Preventing the use of non-prescribed prescription drugs by youth

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

1. Collaboration/results oriented
2. Existing programs
3. Community support
4. Administrative and elected officials support
5. Relatively stable county economy

WHAT ARE THE TOP FIVE CHALLENGES FACING YOUR COMMUNITY?

1. Affordable housing
2. Transportation
3. Complacency of public (not realizing services that are available)
4. Pockets of poverty
5. Lack of shared database

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

1. Flexible funding
2. Shared database
3. Additional foster care and treatment foster care options
4. Early intervention for drug/alcohol/mental health services
5. Post-intervention and continued care of families

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

1. Analyze latest needs assessments to determine gaps
2. Coordinating parent education services
3. Develop a plan to inform parents of parenting option
4. Coordinate county grant processes
5. Explore the options of a shared data base/strategic plan

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

1. No homogenized state policies
2. Cohesive shared database
3. Decrease state regulations (especially for foster parents)
4. Simplify reporting requirements
5. Narrow categorical funding to enhance use of family funds