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Problem/Driver	Outcome Measures	Interim Measures to Assess Progress	Strategies	Timeline
1. High number of youth entering placement (ages 13-17) because of child behavioral problems. Attached to Outcome Measure: A & B	A. Increase the number of children and families receiving home and community based services by 30% Attached to Strategies: I, iv, v, vi, vii, ix, xi, xii, xiii, xiv	Year 1 establish baseline, Year 2 increase by 10%, Year 3 increase by 30%	i. Implement Common Assessment Tool	Short term: Process in progress and will be completed by Summer 2009
2. High number of children in congregate care. Attached to Outcome Measure: A, B, & C	B. Decrease placements by 20%. Attached to Strategies: I, iv, v, vi, vii, viii, ix, xi, xiii, xiv	Year 1 establish baseline and decrease placements by 10%, Year 3 decrease by 20%.	ii. Implement Computer Based Tracking System	Short term: Process in process and will be completed by Fall 2009
3. High number of children who are reunified but reenter care with 12 months. Attached to Outcome Measure: A, B, C & G	C. Reduce reentry rates 10% in 3 years. Attached to Strategies: i, iv, v, vi, vii, viii, ix, xi, xii, xiii, xiv	Year 1 decrease by 5%, Year 2 decrease by 10%, Year 3 decrease by 25%	iii. Create Data Gathering Mechanism	Medium Term: Begin Spring 2009 - end date on going
4. High number of children who move from one placement to another. Attached to Outcome Measure: A, B, C, D, E	D. Reduce by 10% in 3 years the number of placements while a child is in care Attached to Strategies: i, iv, v, vi, vii, viii, ix, x, xi, xii, xiii, xiv	Year 1 establish baseline, Year 2 - 5% will have 2 placements or less; Year 3 - 10% will have 2 placements or less	iv. Increase Collaboration with the Courts	Short Term: process has begun and will extend beyond this plan.
	E. Increase family contact and visitation for kids in foster care. Attached to Strategies: ii, iii, ix, x, xi, xii, xiv	Year 1 establish baseline, Year 2 increase by 5%, Year 3 increase by 10%	v. Increase Collaboration with KCSD	Long Term: Process in place and will be on-going.
			vi. Increase Evidence Based Practices	Long Term: Process in place and will continue past end of plan date.

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			vii. Expand Promising Practices Programs	Short Term: Beginning April 2009 Agency will begin to expand programs as needed to meet increased need.
			viii. Increase Family & Youth Involvement	Short Term: Processes in process and will evolve beyond plan completion.
			ix. Aftercare Services	Short Term: Process in place and will continue beyond plan date.
			x. Quality Assurance	Long Term: Some processes in place, others will be in place 2010.
			xi. Court Improvement Initiatives	Long Term: Start Date Fall 2008 end date ongoing.
			xii. Improve Quality of Placements	Long Term: End Date on going as long as any child in placement.
			xiii. Community Collaboration	Short Term: In process, end date on going
			xiv. Training	Short Term: Complete by end of 2009