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Problem/Driver	Outcome Measures	Interim Measures to Assess Progress	Strategies	Timeline
1. A low rate of timely reunification. <b>Attached to Outcome Measures: A,B,D</b>	A. Increase the rate of timely reunifications <b>Attached to Strategies: i ii, iii, v, vi</b>	As of 9/08 the reunification rate was 57.3 %. Year one increase reunification by 5% . Year two increase by 10%.	i. Increase youth and family involvement in individual and systems planning	Already begun and continue to implement enhancements on going.
2. The length of time children are in placement <b>Attached to Outcome Measures: A, B, D, E</b>	B. Reduce the length of placement. <b>Attached to Strategies: i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi,</b>	As of 9/08 the median length of stay was 10.7 months. By end of the first year reduce by 5%. By the end of the second year by 10%.	ii. Implement a common screening tool.	Begin implementation by the 9/1/09 and continue ongoing.
3. High rate of truancy <b>Attached to Outcome Measures: C,D</b>	C. Reduce the rate of truancy <b>Attached to Strategies: i, iii, iv</b>	According to the 2006/07 Dept of Education report the truancy rate for Lancaster is 7.66% Year one reduce by 10%. By the end of year two reduce by 20%.	iii. Implement evidence based programs and prevention services.	Currently continue with MST and expand ongoing. Implement FGDM in 8/09 and ongoing.
4. High number of youth entering placement (ages 13-17) because of behavioral/mental health issues <b>Attached to Outcome Measures: C,D</b>	D. Increase the utilization of children and families receiving community based services. <b>Attached to Strategies: i, ii, iii, v,</b>	In the first year increase by 10%. By the end of the second year increase to 20%.	iv. Enhance the partnership and utilization of SWAN services	Continue and initiate new interventions ongoing.
	E. Reduce the length of time to achieve/finalize permanency for children. <b>Attached to Strategies: i, iii, iv, v, vi</b>	Reduce the time to achieve permanency by 15% by the end of 2010	v. Increase quality and quantity to contacts between children and families.	Continue current work and implement

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			vii. Implement Concurrent Planning efforts at family and system level	Ongoing as of 1/30/09 and make changes by 1/10
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