

County PIP Reduction Strategies and Action Steps document

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Strategy i: Facilitate access for mental health, behavioral health, D & A and educational services to meet both the children and families' needs by educating communities regarding available services.

Goals: 1, 3, 4

Action Steps and timeline:

2009

- Formulate a plan to orient and train child welfare workers on existing formal community behavioral health, mental health and D&A services.
 - Review and revise existing list of formal community service providers.
 - Access websites of local service agencies.
 - Formalize a reference list of community service providers with specific services for use by child welfare workers.
- Collaborate with Mental Health, Behavioral Health and D&A service providers to reinstitute the in-county cross-training program.
- Participate in weekly contact with Lawrence County MH/MR office to discuss coordination of care and case assistance for identified and potential complex cases.
- Establish point of contact and protocol for coordination of drug and alcohol assessment and treatment services.
- Continue attendance at multi-disciplinary meetings regarding case planning to address need for services.

- Cooperate with the Lawrence County SCA to develop language for judges to consider when mandating substance abuse treatment.
- Engage local school districts in meet to discuss venues to identify areas of cooperation to benefit children and families.

Strategy ii: Increase the number of evidence based, promising practices and prevention services.

Goals: 1, 2, 3, 4

Action Steps and timeline:

2009-2010

- Increase the requested state financial support in order to meet the needs of children who do not immediately qualify for existing evidenced based programs including Multi-Systemic Treatment and Functional Family Therapy.
- Collaborate with County MH/MR program in the process of identifying a service provider for Multi-Dimensional Treatment Foster Care.
- Increase usage of a Promising Practice identified as Community To Court Resource Program with the goals of decreasing:
 - the number of school suspensions,
 - the number of days of absenteeism/truancy,
 - drop-out rates,
 - recidivism and further court action,
 - the need for out of home placementand assisting the reintegration of students returning from out of home placements.

- Increase usage of a Promising Practice identified as Family Reintegration Service to be used as a family preservation intervention with the goals of assisting reducing:
 - the number of days of care in out of home placement,
 - reduce the number of youth returning to placement,
 - reduce further involvement with the system and assist in the reintegration to the home and school following placement.
- Increase usage of a Promising Practice identified as Crossroads After School Program to be used for prevention of placement and as a deterrent for returning to out of home placement.
- Participation in **proactive** promising practices program identified as Family Connections using the Parents As Teachers Model in working with parents and children of birth through five years and incorporating the Ages and Stages Screening Tool.
- Participation in **proactive** promising practices program identified as Child Abuse Prevention Parenting Group for parents of children ages 5 through 11 years.
- Engage County support for participation in the American Bar Association’s Center on Children and the Law’s Permanency Barriers Project.

Strategy iii: Provide services to assist families in meeting concrete needs for housing, food and clothing.

Goals: 3

Action Steps and timeline:

2009-2010

- Collaborate with community resources to access housing for at-risk families.
 - Cooperate with Lawrence County Housing Authority in the process of obtaining Family Unification Program Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and Section 8 Housing.
 - Coordinate with Mental Health and Lawrence County Social Services to determine eligibility of housing, furnishings and case management services through special grant programs through these agencies.
 - Identify local emergency housing options, locations and contacts that can be formalized in writing for child welfare workers' reference.
- Identify local informal community supports for home furnishing assistance.
- Identify local formal and informal supports for food.
- Assist Lawrence County Advisory Committee in grant writing endeavors to obtain grant funding for coats, shoes and boots for at-risk children.

Strategy iv: Participate in the training and implementation of a common screening and assessment tool.

Goals: 1, 2, 4

Action Steps and timeline:

2009-2010

- Collaborate with Juvenile Probation and Mental Health to participate in the pilot program for the MAYSI-2.
- Identify lead child welfare workers to be trained regarding the program.
- Include all child welfare staff in usage of the assessment tool and implementing the results into service identification.

Strategy v: Increase community supports and programs through regarding participation with informal community resources.

Goals: 2, 3

Action Steps and timeline:

2009-2010

- Identify local informal community support services for children and families in close proximity to their residence.
 - Engage local Ministerium for assistance in identifying family support services and resources in local neighborhoods.

Strategy vi:

Action Steps and timeline:

Strategy vii:

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Strategy viii:

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Strategy ix:

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