

Current county action plan summary

CYS

Problem Drivers

- High # 0-5 entering care – neglect – also re-entering
- Non-relative placements
- Lengths of time in care

Strategies

- Provider outcomes
- Service integration
- Concrete visitation /SWAN
- Family engagement / service planning
- Increased used of evidence-based
Specific Services with prevention focus
- Home builders
- STOP – intensive
- Safety assessment

JPO

Problem drivers

- 16-17 year olds
- Gang activity
- Substance abuse
- Sex & violent offenders – 2 different populations
- Behavioral health

Strategies

Chronic violators

- VIP –(Violation Initiative Program) intensive services to assist in meeting conditions of probation
- Shared case management
 - Case review – CYS /JPO prior to placement
 - Responsibility
 - 10 day meeting both system worker's sup
 - Attend hearings
 - Cross training
- FGDM
- Placement Reviews
- Aftercare – selected prior to placement
 - Increased effort to facilitate visitation with family
 - Home visit passes during week

- School justice panels
 - Focus on Middle School → avoid entry into system for misdemeanor offenses, especially for special needs youth
 - Large population of assaults
- Provider / Outcomes monitoring child driven program vs. program driven child
- Secure RTF ↓ YDC population
Allentown
- YLS – risk – need assessment
- MDTFC – with Northampton
Children’s Home of Reading
- ICSP
- Road Program – Rubbing Out Alcohol/Drugs --East Penn.
- Hi-Fidelity Wrap Around

Additional strategies from this morning

None

Quick Wins

- Implementation is already underway
- Team’s focus has been on meaningful activities and sustainable change instead

Under the water issues

- Look at the data regarding general neglect. General neglect data excludes some families that have substance abuse and housing issues.
- Both systems serve same families
 - 85 out of 1,000 – child/youth identified as client in both JJ and CYS caseload
 - High # current JJ youth have prior CYS involvement
 - Same family with different target child/youth open at CYS and JJ

Next Steps

- 1) Drilling down neglect-Tina
 - Tina notification on general neglect - analysis
 - Some are re-entering- what is the window between discharge and reentry?
 - Determine substance abuse as a driving factor
 - Explore expansion of Placement Review Committee to include community providers from cross disciplines when underlying issues are identified.
- 2) Integrate Juvenile Justice strategies into the plan-
 - Identify outcome measures- Joe, Pam and Elizabeth
 - Shared case management
 - Aftercare—early planning
- 3) Implementation Team

- Local Children's Roundtable to review NGA will allow for judicial participation
Track extraneous issues affecting #5

How are these strategies being shared throughout the county?

- **C&Y:** NGA plan will be shared at individual team meetings
- **JJ:** NGA plan won't be framed as a new initiative because staff are already implementing the strategies as part of their work.

Need for additional TA?

None at this time. However, if gaps are revealed in the area of education, TA can be requested.