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Problem/Driver	Outcome Measures	Interim Measures to Assess Progress	Strategies	Timeline
1. High number of youth entering placement, and due to general neglect. <b>Attached to Outcome Measures: A, B, C,</b>	A. Increase the number of families and children receiving intensive home-based family preservation by 30% <b>Attached to Strategies: I, ii, iii, iv, vi, vii, ix,</b>	Year 1 increase by 15%; Year 2 increase to 30%	i. Increase client engagement in agency involvement and assessment processes	Long Term Start in process/End Ongoing
2. High number of children in substitute care. <b>Attached to Outcome Measures: B, C, D, F, G</b>	B. Reduce placements by 20%. <b>Attached to Strategies: I, ii, iii, iv, v, vii, viii, ix, x, xi</b>	Year 1 reduction by 10%; Year 2 reduction by 10%	ii. Increase client participation in problem identification and goal setting	Long Term Start in process/ End Ongoing
3. High number of children who reenter care within 12 months of reunification <b>Attached to Outcome Measures: A, B, C,</b>	C. Reduce re-entry rates by 100%. <b>Attached to Strategies: I, ii, iii, iv, v, vi, vi, viii, ix,</b>	Year 1 reduction by 50%; Year 2 reduction to 100%	iii. Increase utilization of evidence based programs and intensive service interventions	Long Term Start in process/End Ongoing
4. High number of children in care for an extended period prior to discharge. <b>Attached to Outcome Measures: B, C, D, E, F, G</b>	D. Decrease median length of stay to 12.0 months. <b>Attached to Strategies: ii, iii, iv, v, vi, vii, viii, ix, x, xi</b>	Year 1 reduction to 15 months; Year 2 to 12 months	iv. Increase the quality and scope of evaluating agency and provider performance	Short Term- February 2009 Long Term Start immediately/ End Ongoing
	E. Decrease number of moves in excess of two for children in care 12-24 months and 24 + by 50%. <b>Attached to Strategies: iv, v, iv, vii, ix, x, xi</b>	Year 1 reduction to 25%; Year 2 reduction to 50%	v. Enhance staff development to ensure compliance with best practice measures, regulatory requirements and performance outcomes	Short term-April 2009 Long Term End Ongoing

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	F. Increase the number of children in care seen on a monthly basis in the placement setting by 75%. <b>Attached to Strategies: ii, iv, v, vi, ix, xi</b>	Year 1 increase by 75%; Year 2 maintenance	vi. Ensure the provision of comprehensive and accurate assessments of safety for children in their own homes and in substitute care.	Long Term Start in process/End Ongoing
	G. Increase guardianship placements by 50% by end of 2009. <b>Attached to Strategies: I, ii, v, vi, ix, x.</b>	Year 1 increase by 25%. Year 2 increase to 50%	vii. Actively engage community resources and establish linkages between the agency, clients and resources.	Long Term Start in process/ End Ongoing
		viii. Move toward the integration of offices of the Department of Human Services, and the Juvenile Probation Office to streamline service delivery and improve communication	Long Term Start in process/ End Ongoing	
		ix. Develop comprehensive and individualized child assessments and service plans at entrance/discharge from care.	Short term-April 2009 Long Term End Ongoing	
		x. Establish systems of early identification for permanence and increase utilization of SWAN resources.	Long Term Start in process/ End Ongoing	
		xi. Ensure routine visitation of children by individuals pertinent to safety and healthy development.	Short term-February 2009 Long Term Start in process/End Ongoing	

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