

## **Luzerne County**

### **Issues:**

D&A addiction of parent

Mental illness of parent

Child behavior

### **Barriers:**

Kids in placement quickly at intake; workers are gun-shy

Getting TPR's out

Identifying D&A safety issues/worker's education/court education (partners)

### **What is needed:**

Support from the court system, judges!

A connections to safety training (TOL)

FGDM-Permanency practice initiatives, connections to faith-based community

Family finding avenues

Possible weekly case reviews (similar to Lackawanna)

Set-up local roundtable meetings with community partners

Bench book, everyone on the same page (out in August?)

Court to designate one senior judge to hear all dependency cases

Communication, made aware of things that are changing in the state

Look at changing the policy of hot drug test = placement!!!!

### **Tasks:**

Set-up a local roundtable meeting with judges (criminal justice advisory board Angelo Santore/Ed Coleman), Justice Baer can identify resources

Attempt to set-up general staff meetings so that consistent information is reaching all staff members; communicate the agency's mission/vision/values to all staff members. Stop the flow of misinformation from level-to-level within the agency

Connect the agency back to the requests from the TOL work

Support safety training and transfer of learning work (Strength-based, Solution-focused)

Arrange for a visit with the Training Program after all safety trainings have been completed

Arrange for D&A training for staff