

McKean County

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Problem Drivers

- Less parental substance abuse than in past, so not as urgent
- High congregate care
- + 3 others, as listed on PIP

Screening

New safety assessment helpful – **Quick Win**

-TOL to begin in June

Examine screening in general – want to screen and refer outside of CYS

Use new Resource Directory – **Quick Win**

(paper & web) Try business cards with web address as a give away.

To Do – monthly staff meeting – focus on problem drivers – **Quick Win**

Build on faith based/church community and other organizations – 6 months – **Quick Win**

Get support for alternative response

A meeting – buy –in, volunteers

Engage staff, possible at staff meetings and through supervisors

Engage families in communities about alternative services, give information – 3 months – **Quick Win**

County Fair, Italian festival, Swedish fest, etc

Truancy

DJ's – get backed up in their schedules, many priorities

Educate staff and school, other stakeholders about new BEC (basic education circular).

From state - need educational toolkit for CW (try to do with Education Law Center, PDE, County CYS, parents, youth) NOTE: PDE rep stated she will put together an information package to be sent to CYS agencies.

Quick Wins – by end of week

- ✓ Look at JPO education toolkit

Quick Wins – within 2 weeks

- ✓ FGDM – prevent 4 placements/year

Quick Wins - NOW

- ✓ Cross system planning for transition youth (starting younger)
- ✓ Free ODP training on youth with disabilities and their treatment foster parents
- ✓ MST – last service before placement, for youth 12-17 years old

Some have truancy issues †

Potentially prevent 10 placements per year

Quick Wins - May

To Do – How do we know we prevented placement?

Spreadsheet – white board, supervision, Quality Assurance by management, use Outlook

Establish a Baseline – number of intakes; number screened out for other services/resources – alternative response.
Track them on spreadsheet.

Quick Wins – 3-4 months

- ✓ Share BEC internally
- ✓ Use PDE, Education Law Center – conference call
- ✓ McArthur After care specialist

Quick Wins – as needed; child specific

- ✓ Narrow down number of transition youth for permanency
 - Consider use of FGDM for successful transitions
- ✓ Educating staff – resources
- ✓ Specialized foster home/child

Quick Wins – end of summer with JPO

- ✓ Look into PCCD funding opportunities

Engage community

Hold NGA Meetings – with providers – explain NGA and placement reductions work

Use existing meetings as much as possible:

MDT, July

Introduce at Aftercare meeting

Combine meetings