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# Statewide Systems Collaborations

Substance Abuse Training  
Partnership  
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# Improving Lives of Families with Substance Use Disorders

- Collaborative partnerships with providers and substance abuse training
  - Improved ability to assess a recovering parent's ability to provide care and supervision within a safe environment
  - Develop realistic case plan goals that support a parent's recovery while ensure child safety
  - AND do it all in a short time frame

# What is the CFSP?

- Five-year strategic plan that details the **vision** and **goals** to be accomplished to strengthen the state's child welfare system.
- Includes an **assessment** of current state performance on CFSR outcomes & systemic factors.
- Addresses the provision of a **comprehensive, coordinated** and **effective** child welfare service delivery **system**, including:
  - Child abuse and neglect prevention, intervention & treatment services
  - Family preservation services
  - Family support services, and
  - Services to support reunification, adoption, kinship care, other permanent living arrangements, and independent living
- Contains goals, objectives, planned interventions and measures of progress to **improve** safety, permanency and well-being **outcomes** for the children we serve.



## Integration of the CFSP and the CFSR

- Child & Family Services Plan and the federal Child & Family Services Reviews will be more fully integrated with Round 3.
- Round 3 CFSR will begin in 2015; Ohio is scheduled for review in 2017.
- The CFSP & subsequent Annual Progress & Services Reports (APSR) will serve as the foundation for the Statewide Assessment for CFSR Round 3.
- The CFSP & APSRs will include a self-assessment of Ohio's performance on the CFSR outcomes & systemic factors.

## Federal Expectations for this CFSP

- Grounded in a **structured** CQI approach
- **Data-driven** selection of goals & objectives
- Inclusion of activities to strengthen **statewide CQI**
- **Integrated** with other federal plans: IV-E PIP, Court Improvement Plan, Community-Based Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention
- **Comprehensive** approach
- Demonstrates ongoing **collaboration**



# Outcomes Focused Workgroups

- *Workgroup 1:* Children will be safe in their own homes.
- *Workgroup 2:* Children will be safe in substitute care.
- *Workgroup 3:* Children will have permanency and stability in their living situations.
- *Workgroup 4:* Family relationships and connections will be preserved.
- *Workgroup 5:* Families will have enhanced capacity to provide for their children.
- *Workgroup 6:* Youth and young adults transitioning from care will receive needed services and supports.
- *Workgroup 7:* Children's educational needs will be met.
- *Workgroup 8:* Children's physical health care needs are met.
- *Workgroup 9:* Children's behavioral health care needs are met.

# Examples of Data Examined

- Screening & Pathway Assignment Data
- CPOE Stage 8 & 9 (Counties to Date)
  - Statewide percentages on each item
  - Trends on items rated as a “Strength”
  - Trends on items rated as an “Area Needing Improvement.”
- National Youth in Transition Database Survey Results
- Cross-Systems Data – e.g., Education, Health, OhioMHAS, Supreme Court of Ohio.
- Performance on Federal Measures, e.g.:
  - Timeliness of Assessments/Investigations
  - Absence of Maltreatment Recurrence
  - Caseworker Visits
  - Placement Stability
  - Reunification & Re-entry
  - Timeliness of Adoptions
- Evaluation Data:
  - Differential Response
  - ProtectOHIO
  - PCSAO Kinship Navigator Project
- Stakeholder Feedback

# What the Data Tells Us.....

## Strengths:

- Differential Response
- Family Team Meetings
- Wendy's Wonderful Kids
- Maintaining family & community connections when youth are in care
- Placement with siblings
- Placement with relatives

## Challenges/Barriers:

- Recurrence of maltreatment
- Re-entry to care
- Maltreatment & placement stability of youth in care
- Risk and safety assessment
- Engagement of families in case planning
- Visits with parents & children – esp. in-home cases
- **Substance abuse**
- Services & staffing



## Using Strengths to Reduce Barriers

- Most children are not placed in foster care:
  - Alternative Response
  - Protective Supervision
  - Kinship Placements
- These options are most effective when:
  - Open communication
  - Cross-system collaboration
  - Enhanced case coordination with service providers



## Goals are the Same...

- Facilitating recovery
- Ensuring child safety
- Promoting family stability

