

Ambitious Resource Assessment Nearly Complete!

Resource Assessment is underway in the Early Childhood Workgroup, the Youth and Families Workgroup, the Housing and Neighborhoods Workgroup, and the Public Health Workgroup. Each group has selected programs and agencies to survey, and is conducting interviews which will help us as we move into the Strategic Planning Phase.

These surveys ask questions about how a program or agency addresses some of the most important risk factors, protective factors, or assets which contribute to long term success. For instance, in looking at School Success, the highest ranked Target Impact at the end of the Needs Assessment Phase, the workgroup hopes to track graduation rates and 4th grade proficiency results over time. However, to affect change in these indicators, the workgroup selected “lack of adult monitoring of youth,” “alienation of children from the mainstream,” “and family history of violence” as risk factors to reduce, and “family values education,” “attachment to a prosocial adult,” “parental involvement in school,” and “community norms against violence” as some of the key protective factors or assets to increase. The resource assessment will look very specifically at how programs in our county address these factors.



Our workgroup members are volunteering their time to conduct surveys on more than 200 programs in a very short time. We applaud their commitment!!

Resource Assessment Results: Save the Dates!

All workgroup members are invited to discuss our Resource Assessment results. This information profiles community resources directed at School Success, Violence Affecting Youth and Families, Pre-school, Birth to Three Services, Health Risk Behaviors, and Foreclosures. We have scheduled a discussion which will focus on identifying key gaps in how Clark County addresses these Target Impacts.

This meeting will be **Monday, May 9th** from 11:30 to 1:30 at the Town and Country Early Childhood Center, on Van Buren Avenue. Lunch will be provided, so please RSVP to Linda Carlton at 327-1991 by May 4th.

Community Planning Team (CPT) members will meet to review the Resource Assessment/ Gaps Analysis on Thursday, **May 19th**, from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM. Workgroup members will present information about programs which address the high priority needs previously identified by the CPT, and will comment on the Gaps they have found. This analysis lays the foundation for recommendation of Strategic Initiatives, which will be developed during May and June.

This meeting will be held at the Town and Country Early Childhood Center on Van Buren Avenue. Please RSVP to Kim Fish at 525-6703 or via email at pfs@clarkdjfs.org

Presenting Needs Assessment Results

Over 100 community volunteers spent more than 1,300 hours compiling and analyzing data about our county during the Pfs Needs Assessment. The results of their labor are now available!

- A Power Point presentation which highlights some of the findings is available on our webpage: www.pfsacademy.org click "pfs across Ohio" then click "Clark".
- The complete Needs Assessment Report and the Appendices are now available at the same website. This report includes summary analysis of each workgroup's highest priority Target Impacts. The extensive appendices contain all of the indicator data the workgroups compiled.

We hope you are pleased with not only the content, but also the format of these reports. Our data management and report-writing partner, Community Research Partners (CRP) has worked very hard to produce it. A very big thank-you to CRP, and also to the Funders Forum, for financial support of CRP's work.



Putting the Data to Work

The data which has been collected and compiled will serve as baseline data for the agencies and for the community as we evaluate the effectiveness of selected programs over time.

The Needs Assessment report and the data contained within it are already proving useful to individuals and agencies around the county as they develop grant proposals.

If you would like to use this data.....

You can find the entire report and appendix (in pdf form) on Clark County's pfs website (www.pfsacademy.org, click "pfs across Ohio," click "Clark")

If your technology limits your ability to access and download this file, contact Kim Fish at pfs@clarkdjfs.org.

If you would like to use the graphs from the reports, we have created jpeg files of each graph. Contact Kim Fish at pfs@clarkdjfs.org

WHAT'S NEXT?

A Unified Plan Recommending Strategic Initiatives



The final phase of the PfS Planning year is the development of a Five Year Strategic Plan. This Plan will contain recommendations for the implementation of Strategic Initiatives to address the current gaps in programs that address our highest priority needs. The plan may include recommendations for further data collection in all assessment areas, as well as for annual review of the priorities and strategies.

The PfS Process urges planners to implement evidence-based programs whenever possible. Evidence-based programs have been shown to work in the “real world” when implemented with fidelity. One advantage of participating in the PfS process is that we have easy access to experts on evidence-based practices in the area of Youth and Families.

If evidence-based programs are not available, then PfS urges us to select research-based programs. These programs use techniques which are derived from research, but have not been rigorously tested in “real world” implementation.

Whether we select evidence-based programs, or research-based programs, or opt for “good ideas,” PfS requires that we be explicit about the expected outcome of implementing the program, and that we collect outcomes data which will support evaluation of the program.

Strategic Planning Workgroup Formed

In order to develop a unified plan, one Workgroup for this final planning phase has been composed of selected workgroup members from each assessment area. The group will build on the work done in Needs Assessment and Resource Assessment, and will recommend evidence-based programs, research-based programs, or best practices which can be effectively implemented in Clark County.

This workgroup will be chaired by Jeff Kreidenweis and Tamara Hansen. Members who have confirmed participation (as of this writing) include Jeannine Fox, Denise Sharp, Diane Van Auken, Diane Eichelberger, Janie Skogstrom, Amy Reigel, Shelia Hiddleston, Nancy Flinchbaugh, Tony Hannon, and Sue Hebner. Marilyn Martin and Judy Andrews have agreed to serve as scribes.

Strategic Planning Workgroup Members will attend a Plan Writing Workshop with Dave Julian and Mindy Hutcherson from the PfS Academy on **May 16th**, from 9AM to Noon, in the Clark Room of DJFS. This group will work during May and June to develop the 5 year Strategic Plan.



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- Clark County Dept. of Jobs and Family Services
- Clark County Family and Children First Council
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- Springfield Clark County Chamber of Commerce
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This schematic shows the timeline for the first year of the PfS process. We are completing the Resource Assessment Phase. The comprehensive Resource Assessment Phase will support a Gaps Analysis and drive the development of Strategic Initiatives.

Workgroup Meetings:

Check Clark County's web page at www.pfsacademy.org for updates.

All workgroup members are invited to the Resource Assessment Discussion on **May 9th**, and each workgroup must send representation to the CPT meeting on **May 19th**. See Newsletter p.1 article for details.

Housing and Neighborhoods will meet on April 27, from 12-1 at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Youth and Families will meet on May 3, 4 PM Clark Room of DJFS for Gaps Analysis and Evidence-Based Program Review.

Early Childhood Education will meet on June 8th from 10-12 at the Early Childhood Center on Van Buren Ave.

The Strategic Planning Workgroup will meet on May 16th from 9 - 12, at the Clark Room of DJFS, for a Workshop with Dave Julian and Mindy Hutcherson.

Partnerships for Success is supported by several people who are willing to help you at almost any time.

If you have questions, call a member of the Core Team:

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