

Strategic Initiative Development Underway

The Strategic Initiative Workgroup has been meeting since May 13th. This group, Chaired by Jeff Kreidenweis and Tamara Hansen has selected nine (9) Gaps to address with strategic recommendations. Those Gaps include:

- Increasing parental involvement in schooling.
- Changing community norms against violence.
- Promoting age-appropriate, consistent discipline at home.
- Assuring that first time parents understand the basics of infant care.
- Assuring that young children are cared for outside their homes in cognitive stimulating environments.
- Reducing the prevalence of young children who have parents/caregivers who are in poor social/emotional health.
- Promoting obesity programs which involve families.
- Increasing financial literacy among people before they buy a home.
- Providing early intervention or counseling to homeowners who are delinquent but not yet in foreclosure.

Workgroup members are selecting strategies which are supported by local or national evidence, defining success measures to guide our local implementation, and defining other key terms so that the strategies and intended outcomes are clear.

Stay Involved—Stay Informed

As the first year of PFS concludes with the development of a Strategic Plan, we are hosting a series of brown bag lunch meetings. Join us on Wednesdays, May 25th, June 1st, June 8th, June 15th, and June 22nd at the Heritage Center in Springfield, where members of the Strategic Planning Workgroup and the PFS Core Team will provide updates and discuss PFS in an informal setting. All workgroup members, Community Planning Team members, and Funders are encouraged to join us. We also welcome other interested individuals, especially those with expertise or interest in strategies which address the priority needs identified through PFS.

We meet from Noon to 1:00 PM in the Crabill Discovery Room (first floor) each week except June 15th, when we move upstairs to the Rotating Gallery. Beverages and desserts provided—no RSVP necessary.

Let's Celebrate Our Milestone Together!!!

Join us at the Crabill Discovery Room of the Clark County Heritage Center from 12 to 2 PM on Wednesday, June 29th to Celebrate Partnerships for Success!

It's the end of the Planning Year.....

- We'll celebrate our successes in learning the PFS Planning Process!
- We'll present Strategic Recommendations!

It's the beginning of the Implementation Year...

- We'll recommit ourselves to Implementation and Evaluation in a few select areas.

Lunch (and fun) provided—please RSVP to Linda Carlton at 327-1990 or pfs@clarkdjfs.org

Resource Assessment Shows Gaps in How We Address Key Issues

The last two months have been quite busy as the Resource Assessment workgroups conducted detailed surveys of programs and agencies which serve Youth and Families, Early Childhood Education, Public Health, and Housing and Neighborhoods. The surveys focused on programs which address the key needs identified in the Needs Assessment which concluded in February.

The resource assessment included nearly 200 surveys. Respondents were asked to be very specific about how their programs accomplish their goals. They were also asked about how they evaluate their progress, whom they serve, and what obstacles limit them.

The resultant surveys were compiled, analyzed, and used by the workgroups as they evaluated gaps in the services our community currently offers. Each workgroup selected key gaps, and then all the workgroups met together to discuss the gaps and set some initial priorities for the Strategic Initiative Workgroup.

Most workgroups noticed that our community provides many more programs which intervene once a problem has been identified — we offer far less in the way of preventative programs. During the Strategic Initiative Development phase, the PfS process will lead us as we consider what continuum of services—from prevention through intervention through chronic care, fits our community's needs.

The Strategic Initiative Workgroup

The Workgroup which is responsible for developing our Strategic Plan has been assembled with representation from all six assessment areas. Individuals who have been involved in the Needs Assessment and Resource Assessment phases were asked to represent their Workgroups as we finalize strategy recommendations. They will build on informal strategy discussions within the original workgroups, research best practices in our community and nationally, and continue to seek comments from their original workgroup members and others with expertise.

The Strategic Initiative Workgroup includes:

Jeff Kreidenweis and Tamara Hansen, co chairs

Woody Cornette—CPT Liaison

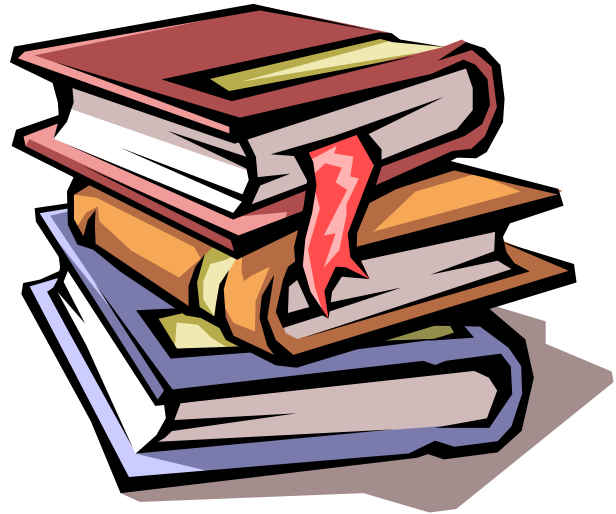
Judy Andrews, Marilyn Demma, Diane Eichelberger, Kathy Estep, Kim Fish, Nancy Flinchbaugh, Jeannine Fox, Sue Fralick, Ron Green, Tony Hannon, Sue Hebner, Shelia Hiddleson, Amanda Hough, Jeff Johnson, Marilyn Martin, Pam Meermans, Winkie Mitchell, Amy Riegel, Denise Sharp, Jane Skogstrom, Diane Van Auker, and Kent Youngman.

WANT MORE DETAILS?

What we've got, and how to get it.

The Partnerships for Success Process is “Data Informed” and at various stages in the Planning Year we have published the data which our workgroups and Community Research Partners, our data management partner, have worked so hard to compile.

This data, and our analysis of it, is available to members of the community who would like to review it and/or include it in their own presentations or grant applications.



We have posted the following to our web page, online at www.pfsacademy.org click “PfS Across Ohio” and then click “Clark.” You will find:

Needs Assessment Report which provides background information on the process, a demographic and statistical profile of Clark County, and summary analysis of the Needs Assessment findings for each workgroup.

Needs Assessment Appendix which contains all the data tables which the six workgroups compiled and used in selecting their priorities. There is more data in the Appendix than there is in the Report.

Resource Assessment Report which contains summary tables of the findings of each of the four Resource Assessment workgroups. The tables include data on the number of programs which address specific risk factors, protective factors, and assets, and also shows the relative mix of preventative, early intervention, and chronic support programs in our community when this assessment was conducted.

We also have **jpeg files** of many of the charts in these reports available. If you need those files before we post them to our webpage, contact pfs@clarkdjfs.org

We are working on strategies to make this information more readily available and to continue to update the data in the future.



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- **Center City Association**
- **City of Springfield**
- **Clark County Combined Health District**
- **Clark County Commission**
- **Clark County Dept. of Jobs and Family Services**
- **Clark County Family and Children First Council**
- **Della Selsor Trust**
- **Nehemiah Foundation**
- **Springfield Clark County Chamber of Commerce**
- **Springfield Foundation**
- **Turner Foundation**
- **United Way of Clark and Champaign Counties**

July	August	Sept	October	Nov	Dec	January	Feb	March	April	May	June
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This schematic shows the timeline for the first year of the PfS process. We are in the midst of the Strategic Initiative Phase. The second year of PfS begins July 1, as we move from planning to implementation and evaluation.

Workgroup Meetings:

Early Childhood Workgroup

Thursday, June 2, 10– noon, Town and Country Early Childhood Center

Youth and Families Workgroup

Friday, June 3rd, 10– noon DJFS (room tbd)

Strategic Initiative Workgroup

Monday, June 27th, 10–noon, DJFS Clark Room.

All workgroup members, community planning team members, funders, and other interested members of the community are encouraged to attend the following:

Strategic Plan Updates

Wednesday, June 1st, June 8th, June 15th, and June 22nd at the Heritage Center in downtown Springfield. Join us for a brown bag lunch and informal discussion of the progress toward compiling our Strategic Plan. See story p.1 of this newsletter for details!

Strategic Plan Presentation and Celebration

June 29th, Noon to 2 PM—see story p.1

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:

Kim Fish, PfS Coordinator	525-6703
Marilyn Demma, Family & Children First Council	327-1991
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