

Indiana Commission on Improving the Status of Children						
Goal: Child Safety and Services. Support the well-being of Hoosier children by promoting a continuum of prevention and protection services for vulnerable youth and families.						
	Action Step	Timeline	Team Lead	Expected Deliverable	Notes (Resources needed, obstacles, comments, etc.)	Status (Not Started, In Progress, In Progress - Behind, Complete)
1.1: Support efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect						
	Report on existing prevention efforts	Sept. 2017	Sandy Runkle	Report on existing prevention efforts	Focus on primary and secondary prevention. Group has identified some services, notes gap in awareness of services. Will work toward a recommendation for the Commission.	Complete
	Develop plan to reduce current rates of CAN	May 2018		Plan to reduce rates of child abuse and neglect	Current areas of focus: increasing family income via educational, vocational, job assistance, plus safe, affordable, accessible child care. Second area: substance abuse.	In Progress
1.2: Support efforts to ensure the safety of children in state care						
	Develop plan/recommendations to enhance strengths of the child caring workforce across the state	May 2018	TBD	Plan to enhance strengths of workforce	Need a leader for this subcommittee	Not Started
1.3: Promote programs and services that support older youth with successful transition to independence						
	Develop recommendations to improve educational outcomes, access to housing, funding for services and support for mental health needs in older youth, particularly those involved in foster care	May 2018	Brent Kent	Recommendations to improve outcomes for older youth	HB1314 passed (P.L.186-2018). Requires DOE to collaborate with DCS to produce a report of educational outcomes for foster youth.	In Progress
1.4: Promote the practice of funding for money follows the family/child						
	Discuss during prioritization	August 2017			Determined that this is a waiver program that has ended. Nothing further to do on this.	Complete
	Seek clarity on the meaning of this objective		Whitman		Spoke to strategic planning consultants; background of the objective was not clear.	Complete
1.5: Study and evaluate barriers to receipt of Medicaid for prevention, early intervention, and treatment						
	Summarize the improved access to primary health care through the increase in providers accepting Medicaid	July 2017	Gary Parker	Summary of current status	Medicaid glossary compiled, and report of current status of Medicaid	Complete
	Evaluate existing barriers within Medicaid for prevention, early intervention and treatment	May 2018		Report on barriers	Gary has convened work group to identify and work on addressing barriers to Medicaid utilization for vulnerable youth. Current focus is on increasing developmental screening for young children and ensuring that youth leaving detention who are eligible are enrolled in Medicaid.	In Progress
	Develop recommendations to reduce identified barriers	May 2019		Recommendations to reduce barriers		In Progress
1.6: Promote an improved understanding of the impact of trauma on children and youth and the efficacy of trauma-informed practice						
	Survey rate of trauma-informed practice in settings where children are cared for and what is needed to be gained from training	January 2018	Zach Adams	Report of survey results	DCS has surveyed all contracted providers on their implementation of trauma-informed care. Gathering data from other groups, IARCA, CLPI have also done some surveying.	In Progress
	Develop plan to enhance work force capable of trauma-informed practice	May 2019		Plan to enhance trauma-informed practice	Cross-task-force trauma sub-group has met twice, is working on common definition of trauma-related terms, common core of knowledge plus domain- or field-specific knowledge/skills to make Indiana a trauma-informed state. Trauma subgroup has identified a train-the-trainer opportunity and secured participation from juvenile justice stakeholders.	In Progress
1.7: Coordinate and communicate child safety efforts with the Indiana Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative (IPQIC)						
	Identify goals this committee can target that build upon the work of IPQIC	Sept. 2017	Maureen Greer	Goals	Maureen will continue to supply updates on IPQIC's work and the group will identify opportunities for the CISC to support IPQIC's work.	In Progress
	Develop plan to address these goals	May 2018		Plan to address goals		
1.8: Coordinate with the Indiana State Suicide Prevention Advisory Council						

	Increase utilization of Zero Suicide initiative in providers, agencies, systems around the state.	May 2019	Jean Scallon	Increased utilization of Zero Suicides	Zero Suicide Academy planned for July in Indianapolis; Task Force will request CISC endorsement.	In Progress
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Goal: Juvenile Justice & Cross-system Youth. Promote interagency communication and collaboration to improve prevention, outcomes, and address the unique and complex needs of Juvenile Justice and/or cross-system involved youth

Action Step	Timeline	Team Lead	Expected Deliverable	Notes (Resources needed, obstacles, comments, etc.)	Status (Not Started, In Progress, Behind, Complete)
2.1: Advocate for increased availability of and access to emergency shelter care and alternative therapeutic placements					
Insert Action Step	June 2019		Need to be defined		Not Started
2.2: Support the enhancements of services across the spectrum (in-home and residential)					
Created a subcommittee to study services for youth involved in the delinquency system.	March 2018	Don Travis	Report examining service availability and needs, specific to the delinquency population	Subcommittee began development of a list of services currently used in the delinquency system across the state and analysis of services. Project put on hold due to DCS transitions.	Behind
2.3: Support efforts to decrease youth violence, including assessing the root causes of youth involved in violence crimes and/or crimes involving weapons					
Insert Action Step	June 2019				Not Started
2.4: Study and make recommendations on services to address the complex needs of runaway children and missing children					
Insert Action Step	June 2019				Not Started
2.5: Study and evaluate whether "status offenders" should be removed from the delinquency code and moved to the CHINS code (in collaboration with the Child Safety and Services Task Force)					
Study national and other state models, research	March 2018	JJ&CS Task Force Committee	Report and recommendations	Task Force members were given specific agencies to contact to gain a national perspective of current approaches to status offenders.	In Progress
Council of State Governments (CSG) offered technical assistance to review the juvenile justice system in Indiana to include objectives 2.5, 2.2 and 2.6. Task Force to hold a special meeting with various stakeholders to determine efficacy of proposal				Timing has become problematic due to overlap of CSG's desired timeline with the external assessment currently being done at DCS. The Commission desires no overlap, to ensure the DCS assessment information can be taken into account when the JJ assessment happening. Task Force currently looking into working with Pew instead, or holding off until 2019 to work with CSG.	In Progress
2.6: Support funding for innovative youth programming through expansion and increased funding of the Justice Reinvestment Advisory Council					
Study programming, availability, and needs	March 2018	Don Travis	Report examining programming and recommendations regarding availability and needs		Behind
2.7: Support the ongoing efforts of the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) work group in addressing the identification of exploited juveniles and the coordination of services related to juvenile victims of human traffick					
Report on progress to the task force	March 2018	Judge Dowling	Report on Progress	Judge Dowling will be joining the Task Force to provide more direct communication between the two groups.	In Progress

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Goal: Mental Health & Substance Abuse. Support creative and effective methods of improving assessment, access to treatment, and wrap-around resources for vulnerable youth and households in need of mental health and substance abuse services

	Action Step	Timeline	Team Lead	Expected Deliverable	Notes (Resources needed, obstacles, comments, etc.)	Status (Not Started, In Progress, In Progress - Behind, Complete)
3.1: Explore policy change to promote integration of behavioral health and primary care for children						
	Insert Action Step	April 2019	Service Creation subcommittee	Report on legislation being pursued		Not Started
3.2: Identify and promote evidence-based and other effective supports and services that reduce youth mental health issues and substance abuse issues						
	Identify currently available programs/supports and identify gaps	TBD	Service Access & Availability subcommittee	Report on existing evidence-based services available	Looking into Mobile Crisis	In Progress
3.3: Support effective alternative locations, modalities and treatments for substance abuse and mental health services						
	Define "effective alternative" and identify gaps.	Dec. 2018	System Gaps Subcommittee	Report on effectiveness of alternatives available	Looking at telehealth, and looking at school-based care	In Progress
3.4: Support efforts to increase the number of mental health and substance abuse providers; improve service coordination to simplify delivery of services for children and their families						
	Study university capacity and ideas to increase recruitment of students to study these disciplines	June 2019	Service Access & Availability subcommittee	Report on identified ways to increase recruitment	Reaching out on recruitment efforts from universities, jobs, and keeping the providers in state.	
	Review licensing requirements as a barrier, based on request of Legislative Council	October 2017		Recommendations related to licensing for mental health care practitioners	CISC heard and endorsed Task Force's recommendations 11/8/17. Senator Head filed SB 224 to enact those recommendations. Bill passed and was signed by the Governor. P.L.160-2018.	Complete
3.5: Support development of models to identify youth at risk for substance abuse and mental health issues						
	Study current models and how to support their development and implementation	Dec. 2018	Service Creation subcommittee	Report on existing models and how to support their implementation	Drilling down on new models with/out evidence based research.	In Progress
3.6: Engage with the Governor's Commission to Combat Drug Abuse to address issues of children's use of prescription drugs and children being raised by parents suffering from addiction						
	ICCCA to present to Task Force	June 2017				Complete
		Sept. 2017		Report on efforts being made by ICCDA that MHSA Task Force can support	Established at task force chairs meeting that it is not necessary to create new work or goals when coordinating with an outside group, but simply to keep tabs on what they are doing, avoid duplication, and lend support where appropriate.	In Progress
3.7: Support efforts to ensure access to care/treatment for youth and parents with substance abuse issues, including inpatient, outpatient, and rural coverage as well as services for youth after release from JJ/DYS						
	Study access to care, including training, early intervention, and the connection with JDAI	August 2019	System Gaps Subcommittee	Report on gaps discovered and efforts that can be supported	Looking into Early Intervention methods throughout the state.	In Progress

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Goal: Educational Outcomes. Promote interagency collaboration to better connect vulnerable youth with appropriate education and career pathways that lead to successful completion of high school or

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4.1: Explore models to develop an educational passport to provide a comprehensive understanding of the educational history of vulnerable children and youth when they move from place to place and school to school.						
	Study successful models, including from other child welfare agencies and national organizations.	July 2018-- January 2019	Passport subcommittee, chair Ochoa	Detailed report identifying existing models found successful in and out of Indiana.	Committee has compiled three cases to illustrate the process by which youth move from school to probation to incarceration and back to community. Our preliminary snapshot is that in all three instances, communication between institution (i.e., school, probation office, juvenile correctional facility) and community is fraught. That is to say, there is no mechanism that follows youth once they are expelled from school, released from probation, or finish their sentence in correctional confinement. The transition process in Indiana is consistent with the national level. This work will ensure all DCS, FSSA, and Probation youth are included.	In Progress
4.2: Advocate for more and improved wrap-around services co-located in the schools.						
	Study infrastructure necessary for mental health school collaboration, evidence-based mental health support for schools, and resources available for cross-system support for schools.	August 2018	Wraparound subcommittee, chair Terri Miller	Report of infrastructure recommendations for mental health collaborations in schools	Study is completed, need to confirm with co-chair, Terri working on final report, should be ready for Commission by December	In Progress
	Study resources available for cross-system support for schools	August 2018		Report of Resources for cross system community based supports for schools		Not started
	Study training and education needs of school based mental health professionals	August 2018		Report of training and education recommendations for school based mental health professionals		Not Started
4.3: Recommend methods to incentivize schools to help vulnerable youth complete high school.						
	Study methods available to schools to incentivize graduation of vulnerable youth	Dec 2019		Detailed report of methods available to support schools in encouraging vulnerable youth to graduate high school	This work will build upon the report created in objective 5	Not started
4.4: Recommend strategies for promoting a positive learning climate for all students to address disproportionality in school discipline practices and to stop the tide of bullying.						
	Study evidence based strategies to promote a positive learning climate for all students	December 2018	Discipline subcommittee, chair Todd Bess	Detailed report of evidence based strategies for promoting a positive learning climate for all students	Committee had leadership transition in fall 2017, has not yet resumed meeting. A new co-chair has been identified to assist in ensuring the subcommittee will begin it's work asap. HB1421 passed (P.L.151-2018), will require DOE to develop a model discipline policy that minimizes exclusion and includes the use of positive discipline and restorative practices, and to provide technical assistance to schools beginning in the 2019-20 school year.	In Progress
4.5: Support efforts to develop alternative educational options and resources for youth not able to survive/thrive in a traditional school setting.						
	Study barriers and alternatives	June 2018		Detailed report of identified barriers and alternative educational options and resources for youth unable to thrive in traditional school settings		Not Started
4.6: Study and report on the graduation rate of vulnerable youth.						

	Develop data request for MPH	October 2017	Gant	Complete "use case scenario" data request form	Initial target was August 2017, but discovered data is not available in a single state system, data from different systems needs to be put together to fulfill this objective	Complete
	Deliver request to MPH and determine next steps	December 2017	Gant	Request delivered and conversation with MPH	Request was delivered and conversation initiated with MPH in January 2018. There are some barriers to work through before the data request can be fulfilled.	Complete
	Identify or request resources to study data set obtained	January 2018	Task Force		CISC Exec Director has identified potential grant resources, encourages Task Forces to also seek out volunteer contributions. ED has fomed a small committee of CISC-involved researchers to advise on future data analysis projects of the CISC.	In Progress
					HB1314 passed (P.L.186-2018). Requires DOE to collaborate with DCS to produce a report of educational outcomes for foster youth. This should ease the process of receiving the data for this objective.	
4.7: Study and report where youth coming out of the juvenile justice system and/or cross-system youth are being educated.						
	Insert Action Step	June 2019		Detailed report identifying where youth coming out of the juvenile justice system and/or cross-system youth are being educated	This work will begin after completion of objective 6	Not Started