



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 18

Meeting Date: 4/11/2025

Meeting Location: Microsoft Teams

Council Members Present

Brad Fortner, Regional Manager/ Council Chair
Myra Albertson, Washington Co Probation
Julia Arnold, Scott County FCMS (DCS)
Caitlin Busick, Clark Co Director (DCS)
Mark Barry, Washington Co Director (DCS)
Tawana Jackson, Harrison Co Director (DCS)
Jessica Lewis, Harrison County FCMS (DCS)
Paul Lenfert, Proxy for Judge Lisa Reger
Kelly Shelhamer, Scott County CASA

Council Members Absent

Maribeth Oliver, Clark County FCM (DCS)
Stephanie Hale, Scott County FCM (DCS)

Others in attendance

Sarah Ash, ChildPlace
Ashley Braswell, Clark County Youth Shelter
Steven Cabezas, Youth Link So. In.
Mallory Dickey, Youth Villages
Shannon J. Emmett, Recording Secretary (DCS)
Julie Ensinger, Resource Treatment Center
Whitney Esarey, Family Ark
Monica Foster, Youth Villages
Angel Hood, George Junior Republic
Faith Murphy, NYAP
Jason Nelson, Regional Services Coordinator (DCS)
Milena Olivas, Family Time
Krystal Pollard, Program Director (DCS)

Arynn Reece, Ireland Home Based Services -
Community Partners
Karen Richie, SAFY
Amy Rutherford, Scott Co Director (DCS)
Paris Scott, Ireland Home Based Services-
Community Partners
Karen Sommer, Ireland Home Based Services-
Community Partners
Stephanie Severn, Centerstone
Erica Short, OMNI Family of Services
Liz Stauth, Anthem
Theresa Thompson, Family Children's Place
Misian Weisheit, ASI Community Wellness

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order by Brad Fortner, R18 Regional Manager and Council Chair.

- I. **Welcome, Introduction and Approval of Minutes** Brad Fortner, R18 Regional Manager, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the council members. Tawana Jackson made a motion, seconded by Kelly Shelhamer, to approve the minutes as read from the January 2025 meeting. All were in favor, motion carried.
- II. **Budget Report** Debbie Dailey, Regional Finance Manager, was not in attendance. Brad Fortner reviewed the most recent financial data on her behalf. Through March 2025, the goal was to spend 75% or less of the allocated budget and R18 is currently at 67%. It is predicted by the end of the fiscal year the region will have spent 90% of its allocated budget.
- III. **Programs and Services** Jason Nelson, Regional Services Coordinator, shared the list of providers from the recent Community-Based Services RFP set to begin on July 1st, 2025. He shared that all selected providers should have received a letter in the mail. In previous years, proposals would outline specific services providers were applying for and those would be scored, then approved or denied. This year, DCS is awarding contracts based on every single service and agencies had to indicate whether they could provide a particular service at a specific location. Jason Nelson shared the link for future RFPs: <https://www.in.gov/dcs/current-requests-for-proposals/>

NYAP	Indiana Professional Management Group (CMHI only)
The Villages	Dynamic Professional Services (New Provider)
Youth Villages	Youth Advocate Programs
Ireland	Dr. Amanda Pfeffer
Family Ark	Admin Solutions
George Junior Republic	Promising Futures
Lifeline	ACP
SAFY	Believe in Transformations (New)
Open Door Youth Services	Ambassadors of Hope (Resource Support Group Services)
Our Place	Childplace
Providence Self Sufficiency	Youth Development Project
LifeSpring (adding FPS)	Clark County Youth Shelter
Debra Corn	Dalton and Associates
Connections	Reset Family Solutions (New)
Omni Family of Services	Brentwood Meadow
Family Time	
HOPE Counseling	
Centerstone	

A council vote to approve the above provider list for Community-Based Services was held. Mark Barry made a motion, seconded by Caitlin Busick. All were in favor, motion carried. Contracts will officially be executed on July 1st, 2025.

- IV. **Community Partners** Arynn Reece with Ireland Home Based Services (IHBS) presented the Community Partners report for 2025. Reports included: breakdown of the number of referrals for each county referral source and service type, and a finance report on expenditures. The target budget spend through March 2025 was 60.0% and they spent 61.1%. From July 2024 through March 2025 there were 444 referrals. Through April 2025, they received 143 referrals since January 2025. They currently have 36 active referrals/families through the Community Partners program: 18 in Clark, 13 in Floyd, 2 in Harrison, 2 in Scott, and 1 in Washington.

Arynn shared they provide satisfaction surveys to families that work with Community Partners and shared results. They had 21 responses last quarter, and all those families submitted positive feedback.

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The R18 Provider Fair has been postponed until later in the year - all providers should have received an email on this change. Aryn and her team will reach out with more information once a new date has been selected.

Paris Scott shared a Community Partner's success story with those present.

- V. Other Business** Service Providers introduced themselves and gave updates on their programs.
- VI. Adjourn** Kelly Shelhamer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tawana Jackson, all were in favor and meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

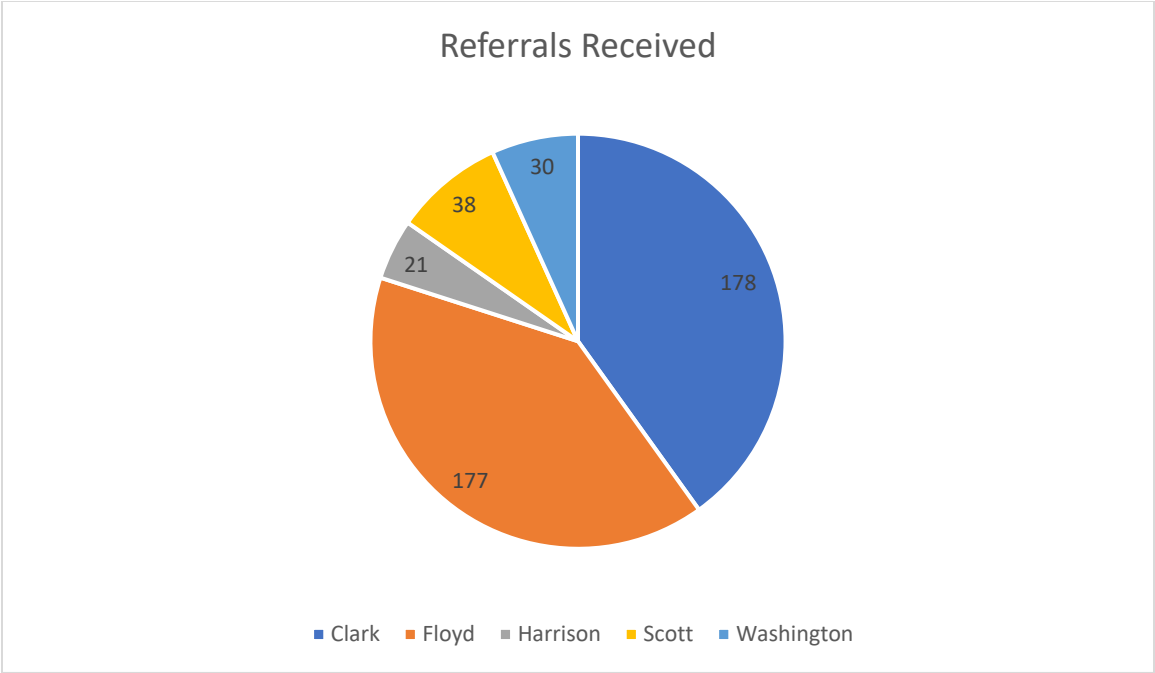
Shannon J Emmett, Recording Secretary



Referrals Received 2024-2025

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Clark	15	20	25	25	19	18	19	14	23				178
Floyd	10	20	22	13	26	24	26	22	14				177
Harrison	2	2	2	5	2	1	3	1	3				21
Scott	5	5	4	5	2	7	2	4	4				38
Washington	2	0	5	0	8	7	4	2	2				30
Total:	34	47	58	48	57	57	54	43	46				444
Fiscal Year 2019-2020	44	56	47	55	40	37	35	52	52	33	41	33	525
Fiscal Year 2020-2021	39	39	43	59	49	41	38	73	57	47	52	47	584
Fiscal Year 2021-2022	32	36	49	43	58	41	43	36	69	62	59	44	573
Fiscal Year 2022-2023	55	54	63	45	49	49	48	63	59	55	55	45	641
Fiscal Year 2023-2024	35	76	57	65	65	69	58	50	54	51	58	36	674

Referrals Received 2024-2025



Clark:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Borden-Henryville School Corp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0				2
Bradie Shrum School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				1
CAPE	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
Clarksville Elementary	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
DCS	9	10	17	12	11	13	12	7	16				107
East Washington Elementary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				1
Fairmont Elementary	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Greater Clark Co Schools	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
Head Start	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0				5
Jefferson Housing	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0				1
Juvenile Probation	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
My Healthy Baby	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1				2
NAFCS	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2				4
Peace Hospital	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1
Self	5	5	5	10	7	4	4	2	3				45
Silver Creek Primary School	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				2

Wellstone Regional Hospital	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Youth Education Program	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1
Total:	15	20	25	25	19	18	19	14	23				178

Sources of self-referrals:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
211	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0				4
Center for Women & Families	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1
DCS	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	1				7
Facebook	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Clark Co FRC	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0				4
Family/Friend	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0				5
IHBS Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1
New Hope Services	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Previous Client	3	1	1	5	5	2	1	1	0				19
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1
Unknown School	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Total:	5	5	5	10	7	4	4	2	3				45

Floyd:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
DCS	5	7	7	7	14	19	17	12	7				95
Fairmont Elementary	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				2
Floyd Co Library	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0				3
Green Valley Elementary School	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0				5
Head Start	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0				3
Mt Tabor Elementary	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2				4
My Healthy Baby	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1
NAFCS	0	7	5	2	4	2	1	5	2				28
New Albany High School	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Self	5	2	7	0	6	3	7	3	2				35
Total:	10	20	22	13	26	24	26	22	14				177

Sources of self-referrals:

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211	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1				2
Clark Co FRC	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
DCS	3	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	1				10
Family/Friend	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0				2
First Steps	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Juvenile Probation	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	0				5
Online Search	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0				2
Previous Client	2	1	3	0	2	1	1	1	0				11
Unknown School	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1
Total:	5	2	7	0	6	3	7	3	2				35

Harrison:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
DCS	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	0	2				12
Highland Hills Middle School	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0				1
IN Digital Learning School	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0				1
LifeSprings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				1
North Harrison Middle School	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
Self	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0				4
Small Talk Pediatrics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1
Total:	2	2	2	5	2	1	3	1	6				24

Sources of self-referrals:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Community Event	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
DCS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Family/Friend	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				2
Previous Client	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
Total:	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0				4

Scott:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Ascension At Home Health	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Bradie Shrum Elementary School	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1
Creative Spirit Counseling	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
DCS	3	2	3	2	2	5	2	3	2				24
LifeSprings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				1
MOM Helpline	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1
Self	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	2				8
UofL Health – Peace Hospital	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Total:	5	5	4	5	2	7	2	4	4				38

Sources of self-referrals:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Community Partners Brochure	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
DCS	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Family/Friend	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
First Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1
Grow Therapy	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
New Hope	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
Online Search	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Previous Client	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0
Unknown Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1
Total:	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	2				8

Washington:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Bradie Shrum Elementary	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0				5
DCS	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0				4
East Washington Elementary	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	0				5
Hoosier Uplands Head Start	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0				2
Outside the Walls	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
PACT DV Shelter	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
RBR Alliance	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Salem Community Schools	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				1
Self	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	2				8
West Washington Elementary	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0				2
Total:	2	0	5	0	8	7	4	2	2				30

Sources of self-referrals:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
DCS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1
Family/Friend	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				1
Online Search	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1				3
Previous Client	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0				2
Unknown School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				1
Total:	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	2				8



**Ireland Home Based Services
Community Partner for Child Safety
April 1, 2025**

As of April 1, 2025, a total of 143 referrals had been received since January 1, 2025. A home-based caseworker (HBCW) was assigned to all 143 cases.

There are 36 levels currently being serviced through Community Partners for Child Safety to assist 36 families.

Region 18 received a total of 54 referrals during the month of January. Of these referrals, 19 cases came from Clark County, 26 from Floyd County, 3 from Harrison County, 2 from Scott County, and 4 from Washington County.

Region 18 received a total of 43 referrals during the month of February. Of these referrals, 14 cases came from Clark County, 22 from Floyd County, 1 from Harrison County, 4 from Scott County, and 2 from Washington County.

Region 18 received a total of 46 referrals during the month of March. Of these referrals, 23 cases came from Clark County, 14 from Floyd County, 3 from Harrison County, 4 from Scott County, and 2 from Washington County.

January 2025

County	Referrals	Referral Source
Clark	19	DCS (12) Other (3) Self (4)
Floyd	26	DCS (17) School (2) Self (7)
Harrison	3	DCS (1) School (2)
Scott	2	DCS (2)
Washington	4	School (3) Self (1)
Total	54	

February 2025

County	Referrals	Referral Source
Clark	14	DCS (7) School (5) Self (2)
Floyd	22	DCS (12) Other (1) School (6) Self (3)
Harrison	1	Other (1)
Scott	4	DCS (3) Other (1)
Washington	2	School (1) Self (1)
Total	43	

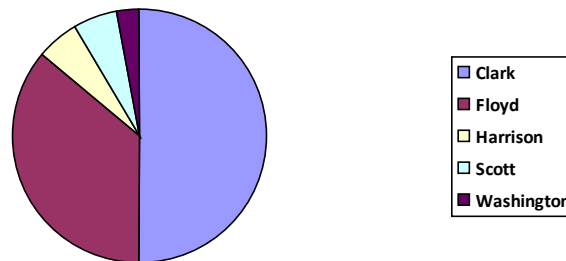
March 2025

County	Referrals	Referral Source
Clark	23	DCS (16) Other (2) School (2) Self (3)
Floyd	14	DCS (7) Other (1) School (4) Self (2)
Harrison	3	DCS (2) Other (1)
Scott	4	DCS (2) Self (2)
Washington	2	Self (2)
Total	46	

Current Open Referrals

County	Referrals	Percentages (%)	Service Level
Clark	18	50%	HBCW (18)
Floyd	13	36%	HBCW (13)
Harrison	2	6%	HBCW (2)
Scott	2	6%	HBCW (2)
Washington	1	2%	HBCW (1)
Total	36	100%	

Current Open Referrals



Success Story

The family was referred to the Community Partners Program by Clark County DCS. The family consisted of a single mother with two children and an adult brother living in the home. The needs of the referral mentioned that the family had successfully closed a recent DCS case and could use some additional support due to the teenager’s grades and behaviors. After meeting with the family, it was determined that the teenaged son needed educational support and ongoing resources to help with him be successful in school, along with the mother needing extra parental support. It was also determined there was an infant in the home, so safe sleep practices were discussed at every visit with the family to ensure the safety of the infant. The IHBS worker was able to discuss the utilization of chore charts in the home, along with utilizing appropriate consequences to deal with behaviors of the teenager ongoing. The worker was able to meet with the family and help the teenager set up a plan weekly to ensure school work was being completed and able to catch up on missing assignments. The family was assisted in signing the child up for tutoring services, and he was also able to get extra class assistance through the K-12 program. The family was also made aware of the “Parenting Autism” virtual class that IHBS was currently holding weekly. At the start of the case, the student was maintaining C’s, D’s & F’s;

when it was time to close the case, he was consistently maintaining A's, B's & C's. Once the family had a plan to maintain the stability and safety in the home, services were able to be closed successfully.

Ireland Home Based Services, LLC
Community Partners for Child Safety - Region 18
Total Budget: \$647,021.33

Month	Service Delivery	Flex Funds	Total	Budget Remaining	% of budget used	Target %
Jul-24	\$ 38,255.59	\$ 410.00	\$ 38,665.59		5.9%	8.0%
Aug-24	\$ 47,206.88	\$ 30.00	\$ 47,236.88		13.3%	17.0%
Sep-24	\$ 44,160.13	\$ 386.77	\$ 44,546.90		20.0%	25.0%
Oct-24	\$ 49,148.19	\$ 1,113.82	\$ 50,262.01		27.9%	33.0%
Nov-24	\$ 64,756.97	\$ 1,322.88	\$ 66,079.85		38.1%	42.0%
Dec-24	\$ 40,056.28	\$ 460.45	\$ 40,516.73		44.4%	50.0%
Jan-25	\$ 51,188.39	\$ 384.57	\$ 51,572.96		52.4%	58.0%
Feb-25	\$ 56,273.50	\$ 166.85	\$ 56,440.35		61.1%	66.0%
Mar-25			\$ -	\$62,925.02		74.0%
Apr-25			\$ -			83.0%
May-25			\$ -			91.0%
Jun-25			\$ -			100.0%
Total	\$ 391,045.93	\$ 4,275.34	\$ 395,321.27	\$ 251,700.06		

Updated 4/2/2025