

Tazewell County CPMT Long Range Plan

Tazewell County CPMT Philosophy:

It is the philosophy of the Tazewell County CPMT to create a collaborative system of services and funding that is child-center, family focused, and community based. The Tazewell County CPMT encourages public and private partnerships in the delivery of services to troubled and at-risk youths and their families. The team will provide services that are responsive to the unique and diverse strengths and needs of the families in Tazewell County.

In order to meet the needs of Tazewell County's troubled and at-risk youths and their families Tazewell County CPMT has developed a long range plan of the risks, strengths, needs, and goals of the community and the Team.

The Team will focus on all 4 primary goals:

- A. Increase the number of children who are able to remain safely with their families
- B. Reduce recurrence of child abuse and/or neglect.
- C. Increase permanency for children in out-of home placements due to CPS, special education needs, legal issues , and/or mental health issues
- D. Reduce the time in foster care to reunification, without increasing reentry.

Risks: Tazewell County CPMT has reviewed the various risks posed to the CSA program in Tazewell County through a series of measures including: regular planning committee meetings, the annual CSA gap Survey, the assessments completed by private non-profit organizations, "Promoting Safe and Stable Families" community needs assessment, data from Carillion Clinic, and the middle and high school youth risk behavior survey completed in the Tazewell County Schools. Risk factors identified by assessments and data were:

- 1. Economic Deprivation
- 2. Substance Abuse
- 3. Family Management problems
- 4. Rural community with limited public transportation

Strengths: Identified strengths for the Tazewell County CSA Program are; a high degree of collaboration between agencies, program compliance, and stable and dedicated staff who work towards increasing the program efficiency.

Needs: Two compelling community needs identified in the assessments and data reviewed are:

- 1. Transportation services**
- 2. Substance abuse services**

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Goal 1: Increase the number of children who are able to remain safely with their families

Strategies:

- 1. Increase in- home services to address substance abuse and family management problems. Due to the lack of public transportation available to families, the lack of private transportation due to poverty, and the need to strengthen the family unit and promote positive parenting skills, in home services would be the best strategy.**
- 2. Decrease family substance abuse by increasing the number of community recovery opportunities. Based on the number of children who entered out of home placement directly or indirectly related to family history of substance abuse, the community must increase the number of community recovery opportunities to allow more children to remain safely in their own homes.**
- 3. Reduce child abuse/neglect rates. Increase parent's knowledge on how to effectively parent and promote positive parenting skills. The community must develop and support parenting skills training and seek to involve more parents in attending the training.**

Goal 2: Reduce recurrence of child abuse and /or neglect.

Strategies:

- 1. Increase in- home services to address substance abuse and family management problems. Due to the lack of public transportation available to families, the lack of private transportation due to poverty, and the need to strengthen the family unit and promote positive parenting skills, in home services would be the best strategy.**
- 2. Reduce child abuse/neglect. Increase parent's knowledge on how to effectively parent and promote positive parenting skills. The community must develop and support parenting skills training and seek to involve more parents in attending the training.**

Goal 3: Increase permanency for children in out-of home placements due to CPS, special education needs, legal issues, or mental health issues.

Strategies:

- 1. Increase the number of local foster and respite care homes.**
- 2. Shorten the length of time the child is in foster care. Provide effective reunification services to families when a child is first removed from the home to determine more quickly if the child can safely return home, or if another permanency goal needs to be developed.**
- 3. Increase the parent's knowledge of how to effectively parent and promote positive parenting skills. The community must develop and support parenting skills training and seek to involve more parents in attending the training.**

Goal 4: Reduce time in foster care to reunification without increasing reentry.

Strategies:

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- 2. Increase in- home services to address substance abuse and family management problems. Due to the lack of public transportation available to families, the lack of private transportation due to poverty, and the need to strengthen the family unit and promote positive parenting skills, in home services would be the best strategy.**
- 3. Decrease family substance abuse by increasing the number of community recovery opportunities. Based on the number of children who entered out of home placement directly or indirectly related to family history of substance abuse, the community must increase the number of community recovery opportunities to allow more children to remain safely in their own homes.**
- 4. Reduce child abuse/neglect rates. Increase the parent's knowledge on how to effectively parent and promote positive parenting skills. The community must develop and support parenting skills training and seek to involve more parents in attending the training.**

The long range plan for Tazewell County CPMT shall be reviewed as needed but at minimum will be reviewed annually.

Tazewell County Community and Policy Management Team and Tazewell County Family Assessment Policies and Procedures have been Reviewed, Revised, and Approved by the Tazewell County CPMT.

Chairperson_____Date_____

Revisions Dates:

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