

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.

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.

Tazewell County is in the far southwest region of Virginia. Economic deprivation and limited transportation make it difficult for families to meet basic needs and reach adequate resources. According to the Virginia Medical Examiners Report Tazewell County has experienced some of the highest drug death rates in the state since 2003. Local data from the county commonwealth attorney’s office and CSA indicate that more than 50% of the families involved in CSA have a history of substance abuse in the family. The data coupled with higher than state average CPS and out of home placement rates make family management problems a priority in our region.

Prioritized Community Risk Factors

- Economic deprivation with limited public transportation
- High drug death rates and substance mis-use in the family
- Family management problems with high rates of child abuse and out of home placements

Community and CSA Strengths:

- High degree of collaboration between agencies,
- History of program compliance,
- Experienced FAPT and CPMT membership
- CSA Coordinator trained and demonstrates ability in CSA policies, procedures and compliance management to maintain program efficiency.

Community Needs:

- Transportation services
- Homebased services for families with a history of substance mis-use
- Increase parenting and child resiliency opportunities
- Prevention education and awareness of trauma, mental health, substance misuse and harm reduction.

Long Range Plan

Goal 1: Every two to five years, increase the number of children who are able to remain safely in the community with their family

Objective 1: Annually (every year) reduce transportation barriers to intervention with children and families.

Strategies:

- a. Identify, advertise and connect consumers to transportation opportunities in the county i.e.: social media, DSS website, case management support and community brochure provided to consumers.
- b. Increase the number of homebased family enhancement opportunities to maintain children in the community setting with an emphasis on families with a history of substance misuse.

Objective 2: Annually (every year) reduce child abuse and /or neglect.

Strategies:

- a. Identify early the needs of at-risk children and families by increasing prevention awareness and education of substance mis-use, mental health, trauma and harm reduction by providing the community, families and at-risk populations the following; Narcan training, Safe Talk training, ACE's training, and Recovery Support Groups information.
- b. Increase participation of families in the FAPT team process.
- c. Increase parent's knowledge on how to effectively parent and promote positive parenting skills through parenting classes.
- d. Provide family engagement meetings to wrap services around child/family needs.

Objective 3: Annually (every year) increase the number of local foster and respite care homes.

Strategies:

- a. Work with Faster Families Highway to assist with local recruitment plan.
- b. Create greater social media presence to assist with local recruitment plan.

Objective 4: Annually (every year) reduce time the child is in foster care to reunification without increasing reentry.

Strategies:

- a. Provide immediate reunification services to families when a child is first removed from the home.**
- b. Develop permanency goals with child and families upon entry to services.**
- c. Increase homebased family enhancement services to address substance mis-use and family management problems.**
- d. Decrease family substance abuse by increasing the number of community recovery opportunities.**
- e. Increase parent's knowledge on how to effectively parent and promote positive parenting skills through parenting classes.**
- f. Provide family engagement meetings to wrap services around child/family needs.**

The Tazewell County CPMT Long Range Plan Goals shall be reviewed every two to five years; Long Range Objectives shall 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.