

PIP Benchmark: Enhance Family Involvement and Capacity to Provide for their children's needs.

1A.2 Implement strategies to engage fathers and youth.

PIP Item: 1A.2.1 Develop a resource directory for specific populations (fathers and youth).

The Central Office Independent Living Work Group and the Field Independent Living Coordinators developed a resource guide for aging out youth.

Resource Directories for youth are now available and distribution has begun by the Chafee Independent Living Coordinators as youth exit care (part 2). These packets are available in hard copy, on a CD and online. Each service region has a resource directory available and a sample can be located at the following link:

<http://chfs.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/68FFF283-FFD2-489C-AC19-1DE692AD2509/0/JeffersonCompleteExitpacket.pdf>

Additionally, the information from these directories will be extracted and combined with other state agency resources for transitioning youth. In addition to foster youth, this information will also include: Individuals with physical and/or mental disabilities transitioning out of the school systems; and Individuals dropping-out or graduating from high school in need of transition information. This website will include a comprehensive hub of information and resources from each region in Kentucky. A user-friendly webpage will then be created on the Kentucky state website as well as linked through the national FosterClub website.

Jim Grace, Assistant Director, the Family Engagement Work Group and the regional PIP leads developed a resource guide template. The template was designed to capture resources that are available in each individual county for fathers, however during the course of the development of the guides, it was determined that most of the resources were available to families as a whole including fathers. After the template was developed by Central Office staff, it was sent to the PIP leads in each region. Each lead was asked to send the template to each county and have the local staff to enter their local resources for fathers and families (part 3).

Once the templates were completed, they were sent to the University of Kentucky Training Resource Center where they were entered into web-site. The site will be assessable to anyone who has access to the internet. UK also agreed to update the site twice per year.

The web-site is: <http://www.uky.edu/SocialWork/trc/father/>.

This item has been developed in preparation for PIP item 1A.2.2 quarter 5; disperse directories to staff to use during case planning with fathers and youth.

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All foster children, ages 12 and above, receive some type of independent living services designed to build and assist them as they transition to adulthood. Much like they would in any household, these children are provided education and support in areas such as anger management, problem-solving, decision-making and daily living skills. Daily living skills include cooking, laundry and money management. Older children receive formal "Life Skills" classes taught in each region by independent living coordinators or private contractors. The curriculum includes instruction on employment, money management, community resources, housing and education. The program also identifies children likely to remain in foster care until age 18 and assists them in making the

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transition to self-sufficiency by providing support for activities related to completion of their high school education, post secondary education or job training, career exploration, vocational training, job placement and retention, skill-building for daily living tasks, budgeting and financial management skills, substance abuse prevention and preventive health activities.

The program provides personal and emotional support by matching children with caring adults who include foster parents, private child caring (PCC) personnel, and Department for Community Based Services (department) personnel. For youth aged 18 to 21, the department insures the provision of appropriate support and services to complement the youth's own efforts to achieve self-sufficiency. The program encourages participants to recognize and accept their personal responsibility in preparing for and then making the transition from adolescence to adulthood. The program provides corresponding assistance with regard to finances, housing, counseling, employment, education and job training.

Educational Assistance for Former Foster Youth

Young adults ages 18 to 21 years old, are offered the opportunity to extend their commitment with the cabinet for educational purposes. Regardless of their decision to remain in foster care or not, those young adults are eligible

for formal "Life Skills" classes, tuition assistance and a tuition waiver. Youth adopted after the age of 16 are eligible for the Educational and Training Voucher Program. To be eligible, youth must be enrolled in a post-secondary education or job training program on at least a part-time basis. Youth must maintain academic eligibility or maintain satisfactory progress in a program.

Collaborations for Transitioning Adults

To insure awareness of the independent living services and programs, department personnel work to maintain a relationship with community-based organizations that serve youth. The department also conducts trainings for foster parents, youth, community partners, private child caring personnel and department staff. Training opportunities are available statewide and on an ongoing basis. The training helps insure that the services are provided in a consistent manner across the state. Additional services include community trainings, formal independent living skills classes, youth-driven events and activities, a foster care alumni organization, a statewide youth leadership council, regional youth councils in progress, an adult advisory board and a statewide mentoring program.

Foster parents, private child caring personnel, and participant youth also participate in the delivery of these additional service activities as appropriate. The program collaborates

with the Department of Juvenile Justice to provide life skills classes, room and board, and mentoring services to youth currently in or leaving that program. The program collaborates with private providers and the Kentucky Vocational Rehabilitation program to insure that youth have access to employment services including assessments, training, and tuition assistance opportunities available through Vocational Rehabilitation. The department continues to work with small businesses to facilitate internship placements.

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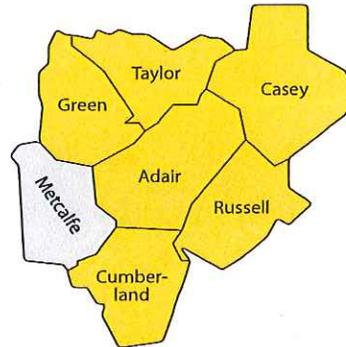
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LOCAL FAMILY SUPPORT OFFICE:

FAMILY SUPPORT
703 Jamestown St. Columbia, KY 42728
(270) 384-2163

ADULT EDUCATION:

Mary Ann Branham (270) 384-4497

BASIC SUPPORT:

CHURCHES WITH COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS-

Adair Ministerial Association, Steve Pescosolido (270) 250-3377

PARENTING-

Lake Cumberland Children's Advocacy, Pam Eads (270) 343-6922

HANDS Program, Pam Hale, (270) 384-2286

Agape House, Hope Cross, (270) 380-1699

FAMILY SUPPORT-

Crystal Caldwell & Nancy Cundiff (270) 384-2163

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES-

Steve Rexroat (270) 384-6335

RED CROSS-

Jason Rector, (270) 634-2171

UNITED WAY-

Sherry Schultze (606) 679-2974

SALVATION ARMY-

Gerald Reliford (270) 384-5306



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CLOTHING:

Goodwill, Treva Phillips (270) 384-1255
The Good Shepherd Shop, Betty Flaynik (270) 250-9146

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE:

Child Care Counsel -703 Jamestown St Columbia, KY 42728
(270)-384-5782

CRISIS DAYCARE: N/A

FOOD:

Adair Co. Food Pantry, Stephanie Long (270) 250-2847
Praise Assembly of God Church, (270) 384-8961

FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER:

Paula Garrison (270) 384-9752
Debbie Cowan (270) 384-9112
Jamie White (270) 384-6050

HEALTH:

Mental- Adanta, (270) 384-4719
Grey Counseling (270) 384-1736
Somerset Mental Health, (270) 384-1270

FREE CLINIC OR SLIDING FEE SCALE-

Westlake Regional Hospital, Tony Hodges (270) 384-4753 (DISH Program)
Adair Family Medical (270) 384-2777
Adair Co. Health Department (270) 384-2286
County Health Department: Adair Co. Health Department, Angie Corbin (270) 384-2286



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SHELTER:

HOUSING-

The Housing Authority, Shannon Biggs (270) 384-2271
Spring Ridge Meadows, Casey Baker (270) 384-6091
Columbia Greens & Groves, Anna Hooper (270) 384-6724
Country Place Apartments, Sherri Williams (270) 384-5888
HUD Office, Charles Smith (270) 866-3000

UTILITIES-

Columbia Utilities (270) 384-2006 (water, gas)
KY Utilities 1-800-981-0600 (electric)
RECC 1-800-931-4551

TRANSPORTATION:

A-1Taxi, Sharon Burton (270) 384-2946
RTECH 1-800-321-7832 (Medical Transportation)

OTHER:

Any Service specific to fathers: None at this time