



Prevention Collaborative

Primary & Secondary Prevention Plan

2022 - 2024

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Vision Statement

The statement below defines the Collaborative's envisioned future and what the work and efforts strive to achieve.

Kentucky ensures meaningful access to effective and culturally-responsive supports to nurture healthy children, families, and communities.

Values

The Collaborative values:

- Addressing equality and equity
- Changing the paradigm for how families are served
 - Changing the community culture (e.g., how can I support the family)
 - Culture of service that is working with children
 - Moving from an old, reactionary, paternalistic approach and moving to an approach that is family and youth driven
 - Paradigm shift of the entire system, including natural support systems, that interact with families and children
 - Rethinking where services are located and how they are provided
- Honoring family voice and choice
 - Be intentional in removing barriers because of language or culture to ensure family voice and choice
 - Equal partners in our approach to prevention through power-sharing and co-design
 - Involve more dads and males in the effort
 - Parent and youth voices matter

Priorities

The work and values of this Collaborative are defined by the following priorities, which are listed alphabetically.

- Address structural factors
- Community-based to address specific and unique communities
- Continued partner collaboration and that everyone is at the table
- Everyone deserves culturally relevant and equitable support
- Families are socially connected and empowered
- Individualized services that help families with what they individually need to be successful
- Infuse system with compassion and concern for the individual to help reduce stigma
- Prioritize how families view themselves versus how the system views them
- Services are free from shame and non-punitive
- Systemic racism and cultural diversity are acknowledged and addressed
- Trauma-informed

Goals

The following defines what the Collaborative hopes to achieve by the end of the plan in 2024. They are listed in alphabetical order.

All Efforts are Family- and Youth-Driven: Ensure prevention efforts are co-designed by families and youth with lived experience by including them in the initial involvement and ongoing planning.

Community Collaboration: Bring community systems together to meet the needs of families.

Connect Families to Supports: Connect families to the right supports at the right time.

Funding and Sustainability: All efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect are financially sustainable.

Leverage and Communicate Data: Leverage and communicate data for sustainable change.

Policy and System Changes: Implement policies and enhance systems (both formal in informal, and systems across the board, such as mental health, schools, police/law enforcement, faith, etc.) that allow the expansion of primary and secondary prevention in order to prevent abuse and neglect and promote healthy children and families.

Goals and Objectives

The following objectives broadly define how the goals will be achieved by the end of the plan in 2024.

All Efforts are Family- and Youth-Driven

Goal: Ensure prevention efforts are co-designed by families and youth with lived experience by including them in the initial involvement and ongoing planning.

Objectives:

- Develop approaches to prevention in which all voices are equally valued, specifically including fathers, youth, and caregivers.
- Prioritize prevention strategies that embed peer support, natural supports, and parent/youth/caregiver-led activities.
- Structure prevention planning activities and programming in a way that values youth and families with regard to their supports (e.g., gas cards, childcare, a phone call to explain a process/procedure) and their scheduling (e.g., families are not always available 8:00 - 4:30).
- Outline family and youth commitment, asks, and expectations of the family and youth being engaged.

Community Collaboration

Goal: Bring community systems together to meet the needs of families.

Objectives:

- Encourage ownership of the Prevention Plan at the community level.
 - Strategy Level: Be intentional about other types of community, besides just geography; tools and resources for whatever community people identify with; allow people to define who their community is
- Identify barriers to effective collaboration.
- Identify a clear understanding of services offered in the community.
- Identify and evaluate the effectiveness of existing community-based collaboration networks.
- Identify sustainable collaborations and methods.
- Utilize existing networks to educate community-based partners about Prevention Collaborative Values, Priorities, and Goals.
 - Strategy Level: Consider expansion of “prevention network” beyond child abuse/neglect (e.g., suicide prevention, DV prevention)
 - Strategy Level: Consider regional collaborations (e.g., community mental health centers, regional early childhood councils)

Connect Families to Supports

Goal: Connect families to the right supports at the right time.

Objectives:

- Develop a process to educate all families and professionals on the resources in their area.
- Develop community advocates who are trained in trauma-informed care with lived experience and can connect all families to meaningful supports in a timely manner.
- Implement a Parent Support Outreach Program (Minnesota example).

Funding and Sustainability

Goal: All efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect are financially sustainable.

Objectives:

- Critical conversations with private funders on what it means to meaningfully fund prevention efforts
 - State should included in these conversations with Foundations, so they understand what is feasible, what can be leveraged, and where efforts can be focused to harness collaboration
 - Talk with funders about multi-year funding cycles.
 - Talk with funders about how they can collaborate their funding streams to support prevention efforts, rather than continuing to compete with each other.
- Evaluate current State Plan Amendment and update to include CMS codes for EBP and respite/emergency child care services.
 - Evaluate the state plan for gaps (e.g., codes not available in Kentucky, such as wrap-around)
- Implement performance-based contracting within the entire provider network by 2024.
- Leverage FFPSA dollars to implement evidence-informed/promising practice programming.

Leverage and Communicate Data

Goal: Leverage and communicate data for sustainable change.

Objectives:

- Implement a Center of Excellence Model to monitor EBP fidelity across systems.
 - Examples [Ohio] from other states – DJJ, Mental Health, etc.
- Utilize child welfare data to demonstrate the impact of prevention efforts on child welfare outcomes. Include data regarding disproportionality and disparity.
- Ensure data is gathered and reported through our overarching lens of equity, equality, and honoring family voice.
- Create a prevention dashboard to make data easily producible and shareable.
- Identify stakeholder groups with which data should be shared regularly.
- Create a communication plan to tell the prevention story inclusive of both qualitative and quantitative data.
- Create a toolkit to assist partners and stakeholders in interpreting local, state, and national data and communicating about it accurately.
- Produce an annual report and share it with stakeholder groups, including the legislature.

Policy and System Changes

Goal: Implement policies and enhance systems (both formal in informal, and systems across the board, such as mental health, schools, police/law enforcement, faith, etc.) that allow the expansion of primary and secondary prevention in order to prevent abuse and neglect and promote healthy children and families.

Objectives:

- Review current policies and funding structures to identify opportunities to expand prevention efforts.
- Review current systems in place to respond and prevent child abuse and neglect to assess the degree to which they meet the values we've identified.
- Update the neglect statute in the KRS.
- Explore ways to tell the story of prevention (data, media) as more and more families are supported and do not need child welfare services.
- Promote meaningful engagement of fathers by assessing the degree policies (state, departmental, and nonprofit agencies) are father-friendly.
- Normalize parenting classes/support to ensure all parents (regardless of gender and gender identity) feel supported and encouraged to engage and participate.