

NC State Collaborative for Children, Youth and Families
Priorities of the SFY09-10 Strategic Plan
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PRIORITY #1 - Support local collaboratives.

Action Steps for SFY09-10:

- Invite local community collaboratives to present on both successes and challenges.
- State Collaborative members offer to present at local collaborative meetings.

Ongoing:

- Continue to update the State Collaborative website: www.nccollaborative.org/.
- Actively welcome everyone who comes to our meetings and seek their participation.

Accomplishments to Date:

- Increased access to the SOC Tool Kit: <http://www.dhhs.state.nc.us/MHDDSAS/childandfamily/index-new.htm>
- 2009 included presentations by American Indian Mothers and Strong Able Youth Speaking Out (SaySo) youth.

PRIORITY #2 - Support implementation of child and family teams (CFT).

Action Steps:

- ▶ List on State Collaborative web site training available throughout North Carolina.
- ▶ Advocate for training for supervisors and managers.
- ▶ Ask new agency members to review their policies for support for child and family teams.
- ▶ Invite members of the faith community to join our meetings.
- ▶ Develop a marketing plan for disseminating the new on-line CFT training.

Ongoing:

- Share child and family team success stories.
- Identify funding for parent/youth trainers that includes total costs for time, prep, tools, and travel.
- Promote incorporation of SOC principles into university training and community college curricula.
- Training and TA Work Group developing on-line CFT training from the family's perspective.

Accomplishments to Date:

- Established clear definition of a Child and Family Teams and Family Partners.
- Both the Child and Family Support Team initiative and North Carolina Department of Social Services have formally adopted this definition – a significant step toward facilitating inter-sectoral child centered collaboration.
- Members are in process of adopting the Family Partner definition.

PRIORITY #3 – Share data to improve children's service experiences and outcomes.

Action Steps for SFY09-10:

- Share information about data available to track children and youth within and across sectors.
- Publicize how evaluation affects policies for children, youth, and families.
- Note the counties from which calls to information and referral hotlines reflect gaps in SOC/CFT.
- Data Advisory Group share progress on progress on common measures of child, youth, and family success.
- Data Advisory Group identify sources of longitudinal data on children and youth.
- Clarify on the SC web site distinction between evidence based programs and practices.
- Post on SC web site how DSS distinguishes among levels of evidence support for practices.

Ongoing:

- Promote evidence-based practices to the extent feasible and appropriate to individual child needs.
- Promote use of common unique identifiers for children within and across systems.
- Members share what data their SC work groups and agencies are using to track changes in system performance – especially new ways of using data and data applicable to current policy changes.
- Support community collaboratives in tracking and sharing outcomes.

Accomplishments to Date:

- Data Advisory Group has compiled list of key metrics of child and youth outcomes from discussions including, universities, public health, juvenile justice, health and human services, and education

