

FLOYD COUNTY FAMILY CONNECTION 5 YEAR PLAN

Vision: All Floyd County children will live in a stable, nurturing, safe home/environment and be equipped to serve as productive citizens.

Youth Development Strategy

Provide youth a variety of activities, programs, experiences and supports to help them obtain a high school credential and develop knowledge and skills to be prepared to enter the workforce. The Five Promises (America's Promise) will guide efforts. The Five Promises are 1) caring adults, 2) safe places, 3) a healthy start, 4) effective education and 5) opportunities to help others.

Strengthening Families Strategy

Identify needs, coordinate resources and provide support to Floyd County families in order to address the current Floyd County crisis in child abuse and neglect resulting in an alarmingly high number of children in Georgia's foster care system. Coordinate the efforts of family-serving groups, programs and professionals in order to maintain a system of care that is family driven, community based and produces positive results.

Collaborative Needs:

- 1) Increased family engagement in collaborative efforts
- 2) More agencies actively involved in the monthly collaborative team meetings
- 3) Increased support and involvement from members of the faith community
- 4) Increased communication of local data among collaborative partners
- 5) A variety of social media venues for communicating the work of the collaborative

Collaborative Indicators:

- 1) Number of individuals attending collaborative team meetings (Collaborative sign in sheets)
- 2) Agencies represented at the collaborative team meetings (Collaborative sign in sheets)
- 3) Increased faith community involvement (Collaborative sign in sheets)
- 4) Plan for sharing data at the collaborative team meetings (Records from Collaborative meetings)
- 5) Media coverage of collaborative activities (Websites, facebook, twitter, radio and print media)
- 6) Increased family engagement in collaborative meetings (Collaborative sign in sheets)

Child and family indicators:

- 1) Students who graduate from high school on time (Georgia Kids Count)
- 2) Students who earn a general educational development (GED) credential (GNTC)
- 3) Children with a substantiated incident of child abuse and/or neglect (per 1,000) (GA. Kids Count)
- 4) Children with a substantiated incident of child abuse (per 1,000) (Georgia Kids Count)
- 5) Children with a substantiated incident of child neglect (per 1,000) (Georgia Kids Count)
- 6) Local foster home spaces (Floyd County DFCS)

