



## Broward Children's Strategic Plan Domestic Violence Systems & Abuse & Neglect Prevention Joint Name Committee Meeting

**LOCATION:** DCF

**MEETING DATE:** March 15, 2013

**MEETING TIME:** 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

**Committee Members Present:** name (agency), name (agency), name (agency)

Item	Recommended Action Steps	Required Follow -Up
<p><b>Item #1</b> Welcome and Introductions</p>		
<p><b>Item # 2</b> Recommendations from Attorney General's Report</p>	<p>Chapters 4 and 5 of the Attorney General's Report Recommendations was used as a guideline for rate ourselves as a community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Creating Safe &amp; Nurturing Homes Access</b> to home visiting for families with children exposed to violence focusing on safety referral services.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CSC family strengthening programs are doing better but we could expand that. Vast majority cases are substance abuse or domestic violence related as a Guardian ad Litem view. We are below average and need to do more education and need more outreach for children. Many children have been moved from place to place and do not have enough support. Many of the family is suffering from some type of mental health issue and we cannot diagnosis or give support for these cases (insurance issues not being covered). We need to go deeper than the surface. Healthy families serve about 600 services per year and cannot have a verified report. There is a need for those services but it is not enough considering there are about 2 million families in that service area. Focusing more on prevention is needed. The school is also an area of concern but has many difficulties. <b>1. Needs improvement, more capacity 2. More comprehensive services needed 3. More front end visitation.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Increase collaborative responses by Police, Mental Health Providers, DV Advocates, CPI, &amp; Court Personnel for women and children victims to domestic violence.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Suggested to amend to increase collaborative responses by including school social workers. Broward response is probably average. The collaborative work is more on an individual basis. There is no set protocol or list that Broward follows in regards to child protection responses. Intent of recommendation was in reference to earlier work that was a police mental health joint response. Look at the process for police who are called out to a DV case without CPIS and child has not been</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<p>affected but did witness. Did the Officer have the training to refer the child to service. Police and procedure for 1888 abuse call to have been made and there should have to be an arrest made or reason why not with the primary aggressor. The committee tagged it as <b>Average</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ensure parents have access to services and counseling to help them protect and care for their children.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There is a good availability but access can be a struggle for various reasons. Some services cannot be available such as legal services due to funding etc... There is also the issue with the services not being utilized by victims. Cultural Competency is also an area that needs improvement and some cultures may not understand the services or may not have citizenship. This is also another barrier due to funding restrictions. <b>Availability Average , Access Needs Improvement.</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>When Domestic Violence and Child Sexual Abuse or Physical Abuse Co-Occur, Courts, Child Protection Services, and Court work together to protect child and adult victims.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One thing is we have unified family court. There is also a meeting held at ChildNet and all systems folks related to court come together to create protocols. <b>Above Average</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Create multiple disciplinary councils to ensure system wide responses and coordinated efforts.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Above Average</b> we have a lot of different groups but working toward the same goal in collaboration.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Provide families affected by Sexual Abuse, Physical Abuse, and Domestic Violence on education, services to prevent further abuse, responses, enable children to recover.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dating matters covers this area, Nancy Cotterman sexual abuse center. A lot of the education is occurring in schools but not as much as community. Many of the ones referred to the centers get it there but not so much when they go home. There is room for improvement on the community side. We are good at creating it and getting it out but rechecking to see if it is effective messaging and cultural competent. <b>Average</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Ensuring that parenting programs in child serving agencies specific to men include DV strategies.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The safe and together model does a lot of work with fathers, those that have been perpetrators. There are a few fathering programs around the community but tend to be more preventive and geared towards parenting. <b>Needs Improvement</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Support and services for children exposed to lethal violence in the home, homicides and suicides in the community.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There is a lethal DV committee that looks at the reason for homicide/suicide cases and why it happens. Is sent up to Tallahassee and released annually to see what procedures need to be followed or put in place. Locally recommendations can be sent back for protocols to be put in place. A local issue might be in effect quicker that waiting on a state wide recommendation locally and this support is in place. Procedure are in place for a homicide or homicide/suicide but unsure for those who are just suicide. A few things to check on suicide law enforcement protocol and school protocol. What happens with services for survivors. <b>Above Average</b> and check on suicide</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Develop intervention in all child &amp; family agencies that build on access on origins and immigrant child and families.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Obstacles occur since cultures are always changing in community. Certain providers such as CSC require cultural competence in all programs. Almost all funders are requiring that. Everyone at the Broward Funders Forum require a cultural competence piece It is pretty standard contract language but filtering it down to each field line individual might be an obstacle. <b>Average</b></li> <li>○</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Chapter 5 organize local coalitions in every community</b></li> <li>• <b>organize local coalitions in every community representing professionals from multiple disciplines along with families to carry out coordinated activities to carry out violence prevention...</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Above Average</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Recognize and support role of law enforcement role in responses to DV</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Above Average</b> Model out of boston requires officers to call mental health provider on every DV call</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Involve men and boys as critical partners of preventing DV</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ As community as a whole there is room for growth. organize local coalitions in every community. <b>Needs Improvement</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Foster promote healthy relationships for children and youth.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Needs Improvement Below Average</b> Dating matters has a communication components but as a community as a whole there is a need for more.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Develop and implement to improve reporting in suspected child abuse in every agency.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Law was just changes that everyone is a mandatory reporter now. <b>Above Average</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Child care provider to meet professional and legal standards to identify children exposed to violence.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Family Central Bridges grant to improve quality of care centers especially to foster children. <b>Needs Improvement</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Provide schools with resources they can to sustain and create safe places where children exposed to violence can get help.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Office of prevention funded by district and that funding has ended but we are not sure where it is going to go.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Provide children parents schools and communities to help children who have been bullied and the bullies for services and support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Needs Improvement</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Programs to identify and support children exposed to community violence</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Average</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Support community programs that provide youth with intervention and prevention strategies to reduce victimization.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mentoring programs in schools <b>Needs Improvement</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Share best practices. help communities share and help in what works, trauma informed.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Needs Improvement</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	