



Children and Youth Cabinet – 2012 Planning Session Pre-Retreat Survey

Respondents, n=16

- Agency for Health Care Administration
- Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- Attorney General designee - Ex Officio
- Chief Justice of the Supreme Court designee - Ex Officio
- Department of Children and Family Services
- Department of Education
- Department of Health
- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Governor's Appointee (4)
- Guardian ad Litem
- Office of Adoption and Child Protection
- Office of Early Learning
- Speaker of the House designee - Ex Officio

What do you view as greatest STRENGTHS / ACHIEVEMENTS of the Cabinet in the past year?

- The greatest strength of the Cabinet has been the building of trust and communication between the Agency Heads who impact children. Having all decision makers at the table facilitates problem solving.
- Collaboration and full participation.
- The active participation of agency heads.
- Common goals toward the serving of children
- Attendance, interaction & communication among agencies' secretaries/directors
- Agency Agreement that will facilitate greater interdepartmental collaboration and program implementation
- Leadership on Child Welfare working together to resolve challenges. In particular the interagency agreement.
- Emphasis on metrics; inter-agency agreement
- Finalizing the MOU between state agencies;
- Developing and signing the "Data Sharing Agreement"
- Beginning to gather and sort out information that will lead toward a real "system."
- Emphasis that Secretary Wilkins is placing on the development of scorecards
- Strong leadership from Secretary Wilkins taking an action-oriented approach to ensure outcomes are achieved.
- Attempts at setting metrics, following through on reports, accountability
- Addressing difficult topics surrounding children such as deaths and sex trafficking of minors.
- Establishing workgroups to develop solutions/recommendations for action.
- Workgroup accomplishments in Trafficking/fingerprinting / Special needs
- Increasing awareness of Human Trafficking
- Legislation passed addressing human trafficking
- Human trafficking
- Youth Commission
- Attendance and involvement
- Traveling around the state and allowing interested parties to attend meetings. Through that, allowing citizens to learn about activities and initiatives being taken by state agencies that work with children and their families.



What do you view as greatest CHALLENGE / LACK OF COMPLETION by Cabinet in past year?

- We need to continue to review and work
- Are children's lives better for our work? Not yet. And we should play a much greater role in advocacy.
- Progress in Early Learning
- Ensuring that children are able to live with their parents and avoid institutionalization.
- Does not make legislative recommendations
- Great strides have been made, anxious to see data sharing across agencies become a reality.
- Technology challenges for data sharing
- Consolidated points of service
- Meaningful information sharing between the agencies and the courts
- Attendance and participation by all cabinet members
- The greatest challenge has been getting all agencies to participate.
- Getting rid of duplication and the numerous community meetings.
- To eliminate the barriers and silos that make collaboration in the field difficult among our agencies. We need better communication between meetings in order for all members to be fully aware of initiatives, events, difficulties, etc. of these agencies in real time. Not just reading about them randomly in the newspaper or internet. We also need to push at the executive level some of the redundancies that are illogical and not cost effective. For example, multiple background checks required for workers and volunteers who operate across state departments. Particularly senseless when sometimes it is the same child being touched by different agencies.
- Would like to see death review committee come up with a way to look at all deaths and focus on prevention and not blame.

What would you like to see Cabinet doing MORE OF this coming year? Identify top 1-3 items

- Achieving specific and measurable benchmarks.
- Making a real difference in the lives and futures of children, and being able to measure such.
- prioritize children's issues and make recommendations to state leader
- require analysis of impact on children for all bills
- Develop solutions and initiate action plans
- continue to seek opportunities to have more agency collaboration
- New workgroups
- Inter-agency projects
- interagency agreements
- Seamless service delivery -- continue the good work that has begun in eliminating silos.
- Share information
- Data sharing across agencies.
- Integrate state agency decision making.
- Focus on employment opportunities and collaboration for children transitioning from school (ages 16-24)
- helping parents in need
- Early childhood education
- Focus on education of the public in the needs of children
- DOE to prepare students with disabilities for self sufficiency
- Avoid placing children with disabilities in Nursing homes
- Focus on supporting DJJ Roadmap to system excellence.
- Complete statutory change for death reviews
- Healthy Weight collaboration
- Educate the public as a collective body
- More public input



What would you like to see the Cabinet doing LESS OF this coming year?

- Putting other needs above children.
- Talking without real action.
- Informational items
- getting caught in bureaucracy;
- I believe Secretary Wilkins focused us on items the Cabinet should be focused on
- Increase involvement of DOE
- I don't have an answer to that

KEY ISSUES or DISCUSSION TOPICS to address during our 2013 strategic planning session?

- Collaborative partnerships
- Inter-agency case management
- Cabinet dashboard
- Improvements in Florida's children progress
- Get away from 'numbers served' to true outcome measures.
- Measurement of outcomes/gains achieved for children and families as a result of involvement with the State of Florida (our programs).
- identify new agenda for next year
- Educate Florida on who our children are
- Develop better avenues of service for children and families who touch multiple agencies
- Access to services
- Shifting more dollars to prevention and ensure the prevention dollars are effective.
- Prevention issues for younger children
- Education
- Literacy
- early learning quality issues
- seek improvements/enhancements to school readiness and VPK programs that use tax payer dollars
- Investment in high-quality learning programs and school readiness.
- high quality education
- Health
- health insurance coverage
- obesity
- Have them be fully informed on juvenile justice direction and reforms.
- A way to get children with disabilities on the Medicaid Waiver.
- Focus on employment
- Living environment
- Human trafficking
- having men be more responsible for children they father both personally and financially

What do you believe Florida's children and families are most concerned about?

- healthcare and education
- Access to good education and healthcare.
- a good education and access to services
- Getting off to the right sort of life that leads to children's success in schools and life.
- Education, health and safety
- Quality of life issues (education and availability of resources)
- Education and wellness
- Child and Youth safety, stability, and success
- Access to services
- People are most concerned about being able to take care of their families - which means education and jobs
- Security/stability to support themselves
- Education and health issues
- Maintaining a family, good schools, cost of living
- I think it varies depending on whether you are poor, middle class, or well off. I think all families want their children to grow up and be healthy, productive adults.



Do you feel we are addressing the concerns of Florida's children & families adequately? (yes - no)

	# of responses at this rank	Corresponding comments to "Why/Why Not?"	Corresponding comments to "Suggestions?"
Yes	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approach in the year I've served on CYC has been action- and results-oriented. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like the work groups Secretary Wilkens implemented and would like to see us continue with work group model.
-	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have little time as a group • We are adequately addressing the concerns of Florida's children and families through inter-agency and enterprise initiatives to better utilize resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • focus on 0-5 and education • Continued partnerships and inter-agency agreements to identify and address needs.
-	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need structure for inter-agency collaboration • There is always more work to be done • What counts is results. We don't have much of that yet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work to develop local groups who are willing to take ownership and leadership on the issues affecting their communities
-	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education is well below international benchmarks and the need to compete. We leave human resources and talent without ever engaging them. • More emphasis on the need to improve Florida's educational system. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early education with high standards, parental engagement and literacy, Parent and universal demand • Need to find a way to make greater impact on local educational systems.
No	0		
No Answer	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to broaden our base • I really don't know. 	



What does YOUR AGENCY / ENTITY see as benefit of your involvement in Children & Youth Cabinet?

- A chance to speak up toward making a real difference for children.
- Being a player on issues which effect children we represent or may represent if there is not effective prevention.
- Opportunities to bring agencies and various partners to the table to address issues and develop strategies for implementation at the state, regional and local levels
- Collaborative projects with accountability
- Integration with other agencies
- Inter-agency collaboration
- understanding what other agencies do and working on maximizing our joint efforts
- Best practice sharing and strengthening of collaborative partnerships.
- It is a vehicle for all of us to do a better job. It is a way for us to be better informed on the other areas touching our children. The possibility of connecting the dots.
- Health and children's issues are discussed in real, honest, research based way
- Early learning is a large part of the "whole child"

What do YOU personally view as the GREATEST VALUE of the Children and Youth Cabinet?

- It gives us an opportunity to look at every aspect of children's issues
- Being able to speak up and to be heard on vital measures to the future of community and country.
- The opportunity for agency heads, legislature, and advocates to come together to discuss & plan a coordinated delivery system
- The relationships that we are developing by serving on the Cabinet together.
- Communication with Agency Heads
- Inter-agency leadership conversation
- The agency heads meeting and working together
- interagency interaction, resource planning, REACHING for the best
- The strength of the cabinet is that it has been able to take action and implement policy
- The opportunity to show the people of Florida that we are committed to make cost-effective improvements/enhancements to services and supports provided to all children and youth
- There is great leadership on the Cabinet and learning from this team and understanding their challenges makes me more effective in my role.
- Best practice sharing and strengthening of collaborative partnerships.
- It also allows me to reach out to the individuals on the Cabinet when I need assistance in my work for children.