

Semi-Annual Update on Continuum of Care

Board of Supervisors Meeting
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Therapeutic Homes



Therapeutic Foster Homes

- **ISFC (12-18mos)**
 - 13 youth in ISFC
- **ISFC + (6-12mos) Short-Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP) level with specialty mental health**
 - 16 youth in ISFC+
 - 3 additional youth pending placement by end of April
- **ISFC+ - 3 FFA Providers**
 - Slots increased to 33. FFAs actively recruiting families

Innovative Models of Care

- Supports youth with high acuity needs
- Partnering with Rebekah Children's Services and Seneca

Family Finding



Family Finding and Engagement Team

- Serving youth with minimal family and non-relative extended family member (NREFM) connections without concurrent plan or placement with a relative.
- Emergency Relative Placements - 24 completed since February 2024

Intensive Permanency Services (IPS)

- Continues to support nine youth - increase connections; overall decrease in pain-based behaviors.

Seeing the Power of Family

- Cross-system training integrating foundational principles of Family Seeing to further the health and well-being of children and families.
- 67 individuals have completed the training,
- 4th session ongoing with 30 participants

Children's Crisis Continuum

- Emergency Relative Placement process being updated. New updated process reduces documentation by 40% and streamlines the process
- Safety Net Shelter - Partnering with the Bill Wilson Center for youth who need temporary shelter. Two programs:
 - For youth where DFCS is investigating a referral and the youth needs a period of time to work through family difficulties for up to 30-90 days
 - For youth who are dependents and caregivers are in need of a break for no more than two weeks
- Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) - Continuing to look at feasibility of in-county STRTP

