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2024 TRAINING



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Learning Objectives:

- History
- Structure and Requirements
- Family and Youth Voice
- Staffing Expectations and Outcomes
- FamilyStrong

Collaborative Management Program (HB1451)

- In 2004, Colorado Legislators created HB1451 to encourage agencies to work collaboratively together, in order to better serve children, youth and families.
- In an effort to increase collaboration between Denver Human Services and Denver Juvenile Probation, Denver Juvenile Court requested that Denver participate in this collaborative, resulting in the creation of **Denver Collaborative Partnership**.
- In 2023 Colorado Legislators created and passed HB1249 which provided some changes to outcome measures and the funding formula.



Collaborative Management Program Requirements

Interagency Oversight Group (IOG)

- Denver Department of Human Services
- Denver Public Schools
- Denver Health
- Signal BHO
- 2nd Judicial Court

- Denver Juvenile Probation
- Division of Youth Services
- Colorado Access
- Wellpower

Non-mandated partners

- DA Diversion
- Office of the Public Defenders
- Denver Public Safety Youth Programs
- District Attorneys Office
- Colorado Youth Detention Continuum
- Family/Youth Voice

System-level collaboration

Individualized Service and Support Teams (ISSTs)

- Family present (with children 0-21 years old)
- 2+ system partners (listed above) present
- Plan created

Direct service-level collaboration



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Denver County-specific ISSTs

Accessing Resources for Case-planning Help (ARCH)

- Court-involved youth
- Youth at risk of becoming truant or system involved.
- Support youth living in community.

Expedited Staffing

- Youth in detention.
- 10-18 year olds.
- Exploring for potential release.

ARCH – Transitions

- 18–21-year-olds involved in the juvenile justice transitioning to adult systems.
- Planning focused on independent living.

ARCH – Truancy

- Youth and children who have a current Truancy Petition filed on them.
- Youth and children involved with both Truancy Court and DDHS.

Staffing Expectations

DCP Staff:

- DCP Family Advocate will call to **remind** family, **prepare** them, and answer any questions.
- DCP Facilitator will **facilitate** the staffing.
- DCP Facilitator will write and send **staffing report** to the team that was present at the staffing.

Staffing Expectations

Core Team:

- Core team members are expected to review referral information **BEFORE** the staffing.
- Core team members include representatives from different system partners.
- Core team members are expected to share their professional opinion and recommendations **DURING** staffings.

All Team Members:

- All team members are expected to act **respectfully** and **professionally**.
- Team members can include professionals/community members working with the family.
- All team members should refrain from using phone or computer during the meeting, specifically multiple calls.

Staffing Structure

ARCH/ARCH Truancy Staffing

- Goal
- Strengths
- Needs/Concerns
- Discussion/Next steps

ARCH Youth to Adult Staffing

- Goal
- Strengths
- Housing
- Employment
- Education
- Health & Wellness
- Other supports/Community supports

Expedited Staffing

- Goal
- Strengths
- Safety concerns
 - Youth, Family, School, Community.
- Day by day schedule
 - School, services, supervision.
- Barriers
- Parties in agreement

Staffing Outcomes

Recommendations to judicial officers.

Recommendations for placement or services.

Action steps for family and team members to potentially include a Family Advocate.

There may be times the team doesn't come to consensus. The differing recommendations can be reflected in the report.

DCP Family Advocates

- DCP has two Family Advocates (one full time, one part time)
- Small long term caseloads (max. 12 for full time, 6 for part time)
- Small short term caseloads (max 8 for full time and 4 for part time)
- Family Advocacy is a **voluntary** service
- Have lived experience to help caregivers feel more comfortable
- Family Advocates can:
 - Connect families with resources available in the community
 - Help families navigate systems
 - Attend court dates and related meetings with families
 - Advocate for family needs

DCP Family Advocates

- Before the staffing:
 - Prepare families for the staffing
- During the staffing:
 - Advocate for families to be respected and talked to in a professional manner
 - Monitor body language and tone of voice to ensure productive communication



Case Coordinator

- Intensive Case management
- Bridging communication between multi-system teams and family/youth.
- Support family/youth.
- ISST Meetings with the teams regularly.
- Mentorship support.
- DCP and FamilyStrong



Youth Advocate

- Support and empower youth's voices and needs
- Can support in staffings and as a follow-up with youth
- Has lived experience to help make the youth feel comfortable
- Able to support when youth are hesitant to engage in the process or services
- Funded through Caring for Denver Grant

Family and Youth Voice

- Denver Collaborative Partnership and FamilyStrong value family and youth voice.
- We will not hold staffings without youth and/or family present or create a plan without their approval.
- Youth and family are the experts in their lives.
 - Staffings
 - Screenings
 - Services
 - Integrated Plan



FamilyStrong Process



FamilyStrong History

- 2016 Evaluation of Denver County Systems
 - Annie E. Casey Foundation
 - 2016 FamilyStrong launched
 - Started with 1 Program Coordinator
- Current
- 3 Screeners, 1 Youth Advocate, 1 Program Coordinator
 - 99 Percent Success Rate



FamilyStrong Leadership Team

- Denver Department of Human Services
- Denver Juvenile Probation
- Denver DA Diversion
- Denver Colorado Youth Detention Continuum/Pre-Trial Release
- Denver Public Safety Youth Programs
- Savio Management Group
- Denver Collaborative Partnership



FamilyStrong Process

Who does FamilyStrong Program Serve?

Youth between the ages 10-17 who are at risk of out-of-home placement through Denver Human Services (non-abuse/neglect cases/intake), Juvenile Justice involvement and/or commitment to Division of Youth Services



FamilyStrong Process

Who can make a referral to FamilyStrong?

Professionals only: GAL's, /Clinical Consultants, Probation Officers, Colorado Youth Detention Continuum/Pre-Trial Release staff, DHS Child Welfare Case Workers (intake only), Diversion Officers, and Denver Public School staff
(Denver Only)



FamilyStrong Screening Process

- 24 - 48 hour response time after FamilyStrong referral is completed (ROI must be completed and received)
- Contact referral source, other professionals involved, and family and youth to screen for strengths and needs
- Domains of screening: school, family, mental health, community/peers, substance abuse, social media, and run behaviors, human trafficking
- Recommendations and/or referrals for services



Services

(provided to meet low, moderate and high needs)

- Mentoring
- Tutoring and Educational Support/Resourcing including GED
- Community Resourcing in all life domains
- Community Service Opportunities and Community Activities
- Individual therapy (Trauma, EMDR, Substance Abuse, Traditional, Alternative Therapies)
- Family Therapy (Functional Family Therapy, Multisystemic Therapy, and Traditional)
- Case Coordination (for youth involved in two or more systems)

No Cost to the family for services!



FamilyStrong Caring For Denver

(provided to meet low, moderate and high needs)

- Launched April 2022 Caring for Denver grant
- Siblings/relatives of Denver System Involved Youth ages 10-17
- Siblings/relatives who are *not* system involved (true prevention)
- Substance Misuse and Mental Health Needs
- Youth Advocate role added to the program
- Youth do not have to be current DCP or FamilyStrong youth
- Ends December 2024
- 100 percent success rate



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