

## Franklin County Prevention Task Force - Opiate Subcommittee Update for CIP(11/8/17)

The number of children being placed in foster care due to parental substance abuse, specifically opiate/heroin use, is rising dramatically. Treatment for addicted parents takes considerably longer than the timeline DSS is given by the court system for permanency planning for the children (currently a 15-22 months). The goals for this subcommittee are to:

- A. Develop a set of targeted interventions supported by the data collected to intervene sooner in the addiction cycle.
- B. Utilize Evidence-Based Practices/Strategies to encourage healthy lifestyle choices.

First round of data collection completed April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017. (DSS – CPS cases):

### Indicated Allegations

Abandonment	1
Parent Drug / Alcohol Use	42
Inadequate Guardianship	32
Child Drug / Alcohol Use	5
Excessive Corporal Punishment	1
Lacerations, Bruises, Welts	1
Food, Shelter, Clothing	5
Lack of Medical Care	2
Lack of Supervision	2
Internal Injuries	1
Fracture	1
Burn, Scalding	1
Educational Neglect	3

### Demographics

- ▶ 18 out of 53 family units had both mother and father residing in the home.
- ▶ Average number of children per family = 1.96
- ▶ Average age of children = 7.09 (n = 102)
- ▶ Average age of mothers = 29.58 (n = 48)
- ▶ Average age of fathers = 34.64 (n = 36)
- ▶ Average age of parent subs = 33.86 (n = 14)
- ▶ Average age of all caregivers = 32.69 (N = 98)

### Common Substances Used

The most commonly used substances remain marijuana and alcohol, which are commonly available and also have a higher degree of social acceptance or less stigma associated with use.

- ▶ Marijuana = 30 / 53 cases = 56.6%
- ▶ Alcohol = 23 / 53 cases = 43.4%

### Opiate / Opioid / Agonist

Opiates and opioids produce similar effects and the pattern of use and abuse have negligible differences. Opiates include heroin.

- ▶ Opiates = 10 / 53 cases = 18.87%
- ▶ Opioids = 5 / 53 cases = 9.43%
- ▶ Suboxone = 9 / 53 cases = 16.98%

Second Round of Data Collection started 10/1/17 and will run through 12/31/17. Additional Questions added to data collection include Previous History of MH/SUD, treatment history/referral and previous court involvement.

#### OTHER UPDATES:

- Questionnaire created (still in draft form) to administer to 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students to determine areas of greatest concern. Can also be completed by general population. Will be engaging partners for participation.
- Creating focus groups with cross-section of population to determine community readiness/willingness to address areas of concern.
- Conducting 2 Opioid Forums at Bare Hill Correctional Facility for staff and families on 11/15 and 12/20.
- Considering additional community forums that encourage maximum participation/engagement.
- Still exploring education curriculum for specific adult populations.