

Florida Children and Youth Cabinet



Strategic Planning Meeting

Tallahassee Community College

Economic & Workforce Development Building

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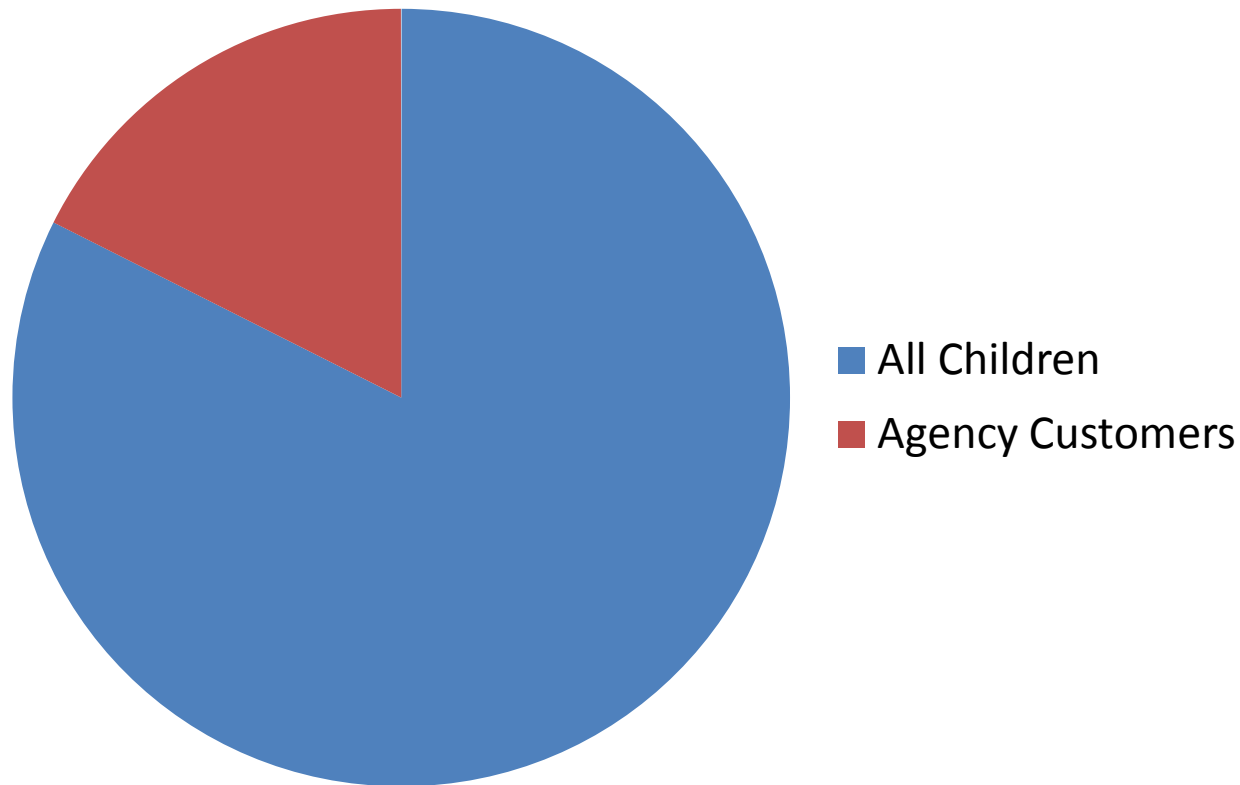
Overview

- Welcome and review of agenda.
- Conversation about Florida's children and youth.
- Florida Children and Youth Cabinet
 - Background
 - What other state cabinets are doing.
 - Reflect on the 2012 activities and progress of the Cabinet.
- Seek and identify opportunities to:
 - *Increase collaboration*
 - *Improve efficiencies and effectiveness*
 - *Reduce/eliminate duplication of efforts*
- Identify goals and activities for 2013

Discussion

Conversation about Florida's children and youth

Where do we focus?



Florida Children and Youth Cabinet

Background

- Authorized in Florida Statutes 402.56*.
- Develop and implement a shared and cohesive vision using integrated services to improve child, youth and family outcomes.
- Promotes interdepartmental collaboration and program implementation in order that services are planned, managed, and delivered in a holistic and integrated manner.
- Established the first strategic plan in 2007 identifying four focus areas and 13 headline indicators*

**- see separate handout*

Florida Children and Youth Cabinet

National Perspective

- In 2004, at least 16 states had a Children's Cabinet or similar entity established by the Governor.
- Currently, Florida is one of eight states that has a Children's Cabinet supported by the Governor:
 - Massachusetts
 - Ohio
 - Maryland
 - Georgia
 - Alabama
 - Louisiana
 - Texas
- 27 states have a council, committee or group that works to coordinate services among state agencies.
- Florida, Georgia and Tennessee were able to maintain their Children's Cabinets during the 2010 gubernatorial transitions.

<http://www.nga.org/files/live/sites/NGA/files/pdf/0409GOVGUIDECHILD.pdf>

<http://forumfyi.org/readyby21/childrens-cabinets>

Texas Council on Children and Youth

- **Vision:** We envision a Texas that provides all children, youth and their families a seamless linkage to coordinated, comprehensive and effective services resulting in stronger families, children and youth.



- **Mission:** The Texas Council on Children and Families collaborates and leverages resources in the pursuit of efficient delivery of services to children, youth and their families.

Texas Council on Children and Youth

Areas of Focus

- **Strong Families**

- Continue services and supports for children with special needs.
- Continue efforts to establish a cross-agency website for families of children with special needs.
- Continue implementing home visitation for at-risk families of young children.
- Improve screening for alcohol use in pregnant women.

- **Successful Youth**

- Establish a 2-1-1 youth transition icon.
- Continue efforts to establish youth transition centers.
- Improve youth voice in state services that affect youth.

Texas Council on Children and Youth

- **Healthy Communities**

- Encourage regional healthcare partnerships to ensure appropriate mental health and primary care services for children and youth.
- Continue developing community-based early childhood comprehensive systems focused on prevention and promotion of health and emotional well-being.
- Address disproportionality and disparities.
- Implement systems of care.
- Establish a comprehensive, coordinated approach to students' positive development and social-emotional needs.
- Develop partnerships with higher education.

http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/about_hhsc/AdvisoryCommittees/ccf/CCF-Leg-Report-2012.pdf

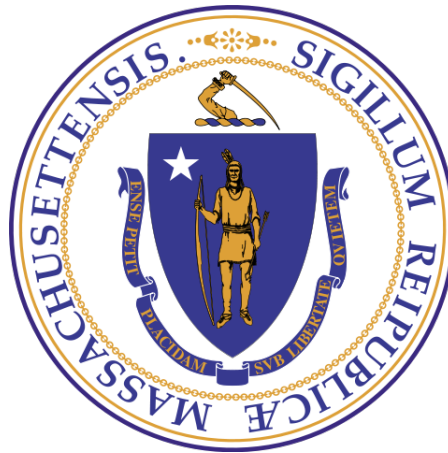
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- **Strengthened Infrastructure**

- Establish interagency grant and resource coordination (legislative recommendation).
- Strengthen alignments with other councils, workgroups, and task forces.
- Further develop regional leadership councils on children and families.
- Increase workforce capacity by expanding interagency training.

Massachusetts Child & Youth Readiness Cabinet

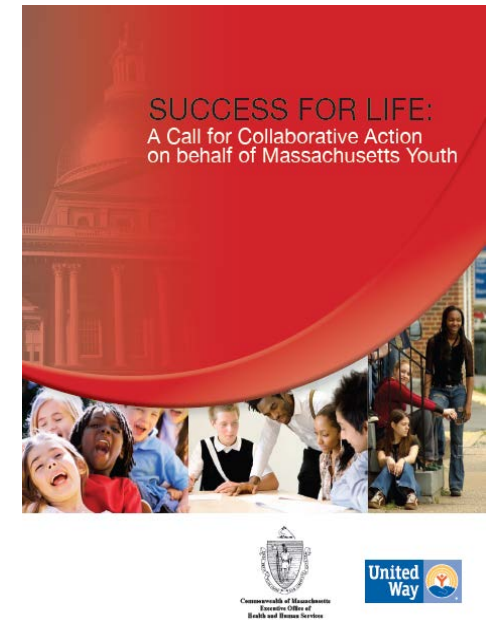
- The purpose of the Readiness Cabinet is to foster coordination and collaboration across state departments and agencies that serve Massachusetts' children, youth and families to improve services, and, ultimately, outcomes for the Commonwealth's most vulnerable populations.



Massachusetts Child & Youth Readiness Cabinet

Goals:

- 1) Provide a 21st Century Education
- 2) Create Pathways for Economic and Upward Mobility
- 3) Cultivate Shared Leadership and Engagement
- 4) Promote Optimal Physical and Behavioral Health
- 5) Strengthen State and Local Communication, Collaboration and Data Sharing
- 6) Build Safe and Connected Communities



Action Plan

Addresses root causes

In everything we do, we must:

1

Listen to youth and their families and make them part of the solution

2

Tackle racism and discrimination directly

3

Foster as many quality adult-youth relationships as possible

4

Seek and nurture a new generation of leaders

All populations & levels: children & youth, families communities, and leaders

Indicators: How we will measure success

Covers the full range of outcomes: health, education, engagement, justice, employment...

Children and youth All ages

- Reduction in uninsured children and youth
- Increase in MassHealth children and youth (under age 22) who receive behavioral health screenings as part of pediatric visits
- Increase in MassHealth children and youth who receive necessary dental care
- Reduction in overweight/obesity
- Increase in perception of parent or adult family support
- Increase in youth with formal mentors
- Increase in youth participation in volunteer activities
- Reduction in

Middle and/or High School

- Reduction in school bullying
- Reduction in the number of students who skipped school due to feeling unsafe
- Reduction in number of students feeling sad and depressed
- Reduction in unwanted sexual contact
- Reduction in violent crime arrests for youth ages 10-24
- Reduction in DYS detentions
- Increase in 10th grade "proficiency" on Math and English Language Arts MCAS
- Increase in 4 and 5 year high school

All families

- Reduction in premature births
- Reduction in premature mortality
- Reduction in children and youth living below 200 percent poverty level
- Reduction in children and youth living in families where no parent has a full-time, year-round employment
- Improved access and compliance with Individual Education Plans (IEPs)
- Reduction in homeless families with children
- Reduction in uninsured Massachusetts adults by type of insurance
- Improved access to ABE/ESOL
- Increase in adult

All communities

- Improved access to affordable, high quality early education and care programs
- Improved access to affordable, high quality afterschool, out-of-school and summer learning programs
- Increase in average per capita income in Massachusetts
- Reduction in community unemployment rates
- Reduction in aggravated assaults
- Reduction in domestic violence homicides

All leaders

- The Massachusetts Action Planning Team

Maryland

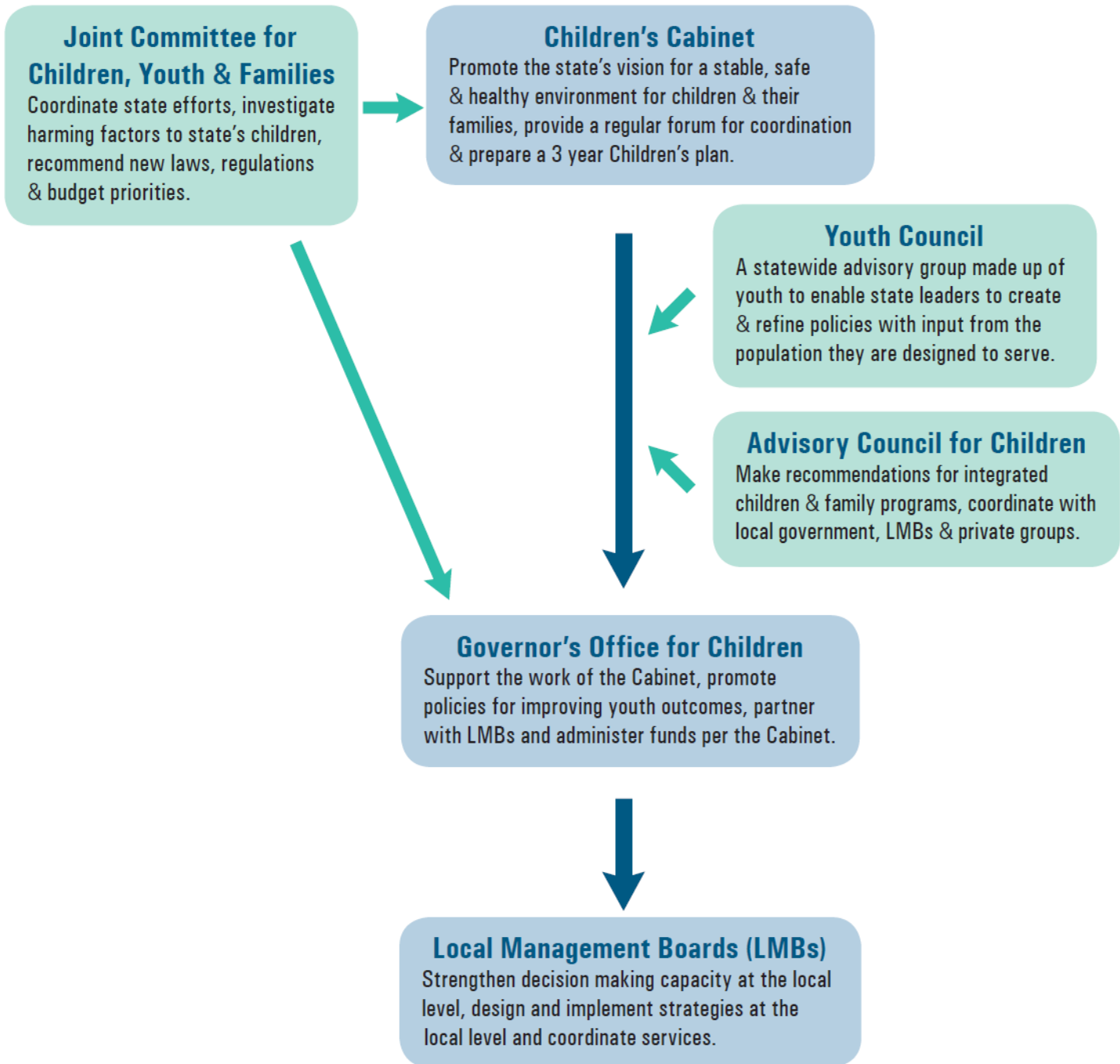
- Coordinates the child and family focused service delivery system by emphasizing prevention, early intervention, and community-based services for all children and families.



Maryland

- Providing supportive services and resources, aware of existing gaps, and supportive of investments that will improve the odds for youth.
- Youth, especially older youth (14+), will have the support of capable, competent and caring adults.
- Transition-aged youth, with an emphasis on youth transitioning out of public systems, will have access to safe and affordable housing that is convenient to services, supports, transportation, schools, employment and other youth.
- Youth, especially transition-aged youth, will receive necessary supports to ensure health and well being.
- Youth, with an emphasis on vulnerable youth, will be prepared to successfully transition into post secondary education, advanced training and the workforce.
- Social service and juvenile service systems will treat all young people equally and fairly.
- Have an infrastructure that promotes, sufficiently funds and is held accountable for the preparedness of transition-aged youth for college, work and life.

Maryland



Louisiana Children's Cabinet

- To synchronize children's policy across the five state departments providing services for young people and promotes coordination of services to assure the most efficient and effective use of resources.



Louisiana Children's Cabinet

Areas of Focus

- **Health Care**

- Low birth-weight babies
- Childhood Obesity
- Immunizations (19-35 month) and (13-17 years)
- Asthma related hospitalizations

- **Education**

- Arrive in Kindergarten ready to learn
- Arrive in 4th grade on time and on level
- Graduate on time
- Youth placed in Employment or Education
- Attainment of Degree or Certification

<http://www.kidsdashboard.la.gov/>

Louisiana Children's Cabinet

- **Well Being**

- Children in Poverty
- Child Support Collections
- SNAP Participation among Eligible Families
- Absence of Child Abuse, Neglect or Maltreatment
- Adjudicated FINS Youth Under OJJ Supervision
- Length of Stay in Non-secure, Out-of-home Placement
- Recidivism

2012 Cabinet Activities

Child Death Review Teams Workgroup

- Planning meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013
- Complete review of proposed statutory language to consolidate various death review teams:
 - Requirements for child death reviews,
 - The scope of such reviews, and
 - How results of these reviews are used.
- An update from this meeting and future action will be presented to the Cabinet.

Status: In progress

2012 Cabinet Activities

Community Services Delivery Models Workgroup

- Recommendations made to the Cabinet include:
 - Streamline all workgroups, councils, etc. in Florida,
 - Provide support and guidance to communities on barriers to efficient and effective community planning,
 - Assess reporting requirements mandated by the state.
 - Grant the Cabinet with authority to issue waivers for certain mandated state reports,
 - To create a common identifier for children that is universal across state agencies, and
 - To identify innovation zones in communities that demonstrate the effectiveness of community planning.

Status: In progress

2012 Cabinet Activities

Interagency Background Screening Workgroup

- Developed a legislative proposal from recommendations in a report to the Governor.
- Recommendations were incorporated into HB 943 (SB 320 in the Senate), which was subsequently passed by the Florida Legislature.
- One of the main provisions is the creation of a Care Provider Background Screening Clearinghouse to be housed at ACHA to allow social service agencies to share screening results.
- The Clearinghouse is currently under development.

Status: Complete

2012 Cabinet Activities

Human Trafficking Workgroup

- Supported legislation and the development of plans to meet requirements of the Safe Harbor Act.
- Promoting public awareness through:
 - Human Trafficking Awareness Month- January 2012
 - Human Trafficking Summit in Tallahassee, FL, and broadcast throughout the state.
 - Engaging local Mayors throughout the state and the Governor to read proclamations for Human Trafficking Awareness Month- January 2013.
- Update on the workgroup's progress will be presented to the Cabinet.

Status: In process

2012 Cabinet Activities

Information Sharing Workgroup

- To design and implement data sharing system between and within state agencies to provide real time, up-to-date data and data exchange capabilities.
- A feasibility study was conducted and determined the system did not have the capability for agencies to track the children in their care.
- Continued to work with agencies to assess their data sharing needs.
- Recommendation to have the Information Sharing Workgroup as a sub-workgroup under the Multi-Systems Children and Youth Workgroup was made.

Status: In process

2012 Cabinet Activities

Youth Commission Workgroup

- Developed operational guidelines for the Youth Commission.
- Creating a Youth Advocacy Toolkit to be disseminated in 2013 to educate youth on government processes and how to get involved in their schools, in their communities, and in the state.
- Conducted presentations about the Youth Commission to various groups and identified key stakeholders to engage with.
- Will assess ideas and strategies to initiate action in support of the priorities identified by the Children and Youth Cabinet.

Status: In process

2012 Cabinet Activities

Multi-Systems Children and Youth Workgroup

- Developed an integrated process and framework to address needs of children who are served by multiple state agencies at the local, regional and state levels.
- An agreement was created and provides examples of agency responsibilities as they relate to community and residential services.
- The agreement was signed by all agency heads at the October 2012 meeting in Miami, FL.

Status: Complete

2012 Cabinet Activities

Children's Budget Workgroup

- To build a mechanism that would provide a view to which budgeted state dollars would impact the outcomes and indicators identified by the Cabinet.
- The Children's Budget would assist the Cabinet with:
 - Uncovering funding disparities system-wide and across state agencies,
 - Revealing opportunities to strengthen outcomes in areas where funding may be needed, and
 - Determining whether Florida is serving its children in the most effective way.
- In December 2011, the OACP took the lead to work with the Governor's Office of Policy and Budget when needed.

Status: In process

2012 Cabinet Activities

State Advisory Council on Early Education and Care

- Established categories to allocate funds for early education and care.
- Procured services to conduct a Workforce Study and Needs Assessment on early education and care.
- Working to implement a parental engagement component to train families on Protective Factors; provide technical assistance to ELCs implementing pre- and post- assessment tools.
- Monitoring implementation and progress of activities.

Status: In process