

Focus Area #3: SUBSTANCE ABUSE - WORKER KNOWLEDGE, STRATEGIES, RESOURCES

Quarterly Report for April, May, and June 2008

Goal #1	Baseline	Process Measure	Date Due	Quarterly Progress
Strengthen relationship with State and local substance abuse authorities.	No formal agreements	Formal relationships established	See below.	
1. In collaboration with Regional DCFS and Local Substance Abuse Authority Staff, develop statewide and local Memoranda of Understanding with the Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health and local authorities that identify cooperative working arrangements and outline responsibilities of DCFS, DSAMH, and Local Substance Abuse and mental health Authorities (LSAMHA).		MOU with DSAMH Each region completes at least one MOU with a local substance abuse authority	June 2008 Dec 2008	A new MOU will be in place in July 2008 whereby DCFS Admin and DSAMH Admin will facilitate development of Working Agreements between LSAMHA, contract service providers, and local DCFS offices.
2. Cooperate in development of legislation or policies allowing for statewide collection, distribution, and analysis of data for mutual clients between child welfare, domestic violence, and substance abuse to help increase statewide coordination between the state, counties and communities.		Concern raised in meetings with department administration or legislature	Ongoing	Mr. Brown is a member of the Program Administrators team which addresses this area.
3. Identify and coordinate with other organizations conducting substance abuse in Utah to avoid duplication of efforts and to better collaborate to address issues and needs.		Documentation of collaborative activities	Ongoing	DCFS employed Kenneth Brown, LPC, full time Substance Abuse and Mental Health Program Administrator to increase collaboration with DSAMH, LSAMHA and providers.
4. Participate in the Governor's Cabinet Council and support council efforts to promote substance abuse prevention and treatment, particularly pertaining to children and families.		Governor's Cabinet Council Minutes	Quarterly	Assigned to Cheri Brummer, Deputy Director.

Goal #2	Baseline	Process Measure	Date Due	
<p>Increase caseworker and supervisor knowledge of:</p> <p>(a) Effective strategies to work with families when substance abuse is a factor,</p> <p>(b) Availability of and access to treatment resources in the community.</p>	No baseline is available	New feedback measures from workers	June 2009	In progress: currently conducting a focus group and need assessment for this area.
<p>1. Implement follow-up activities for substance abuse training for DCFS staff.</p>		Curriculum, training records, and evaluation	Ongoing with quarterly reports	<p>Mr. Brown's position has been attached to the Development Team to help facilitate and expedite this requirement.</p> <p>Action in this area is pending results of need assessment, which will hopefully be completed by September 2008</p>
<p>2. In conjunction with Local Substance Abuse Authorities and other community partners, participate in local substance abuse resource discussions and training on clinical treatment and interventions effective in protecting the permanency, safety, and wellbeing of children of substance abusers.</p>		Joint resource discussions or training held at least annually	Annually by June 30	<p>Mr. Brown is collaborating with DSAMH Program Administrators and Local Substance Abuse and Mental Health Authorities, attending the statewide Women's Treatment Providers meeting, Salt Lake County's providers coordinating council, working with the Development Team on topics for quarterly Clinical Forum, member of UT-CAN substance abuse workgroup, DEC workgroup committee member, and heads the interagency substance abuse committee.</p> <p>In June 2008, DCFS distributed 20 scholarships for line staff to attend the U of U School on Substance</p>

				Abuse and are currently working to obtain 20 scholarships for the DSAMH Annual Fall Substance Abuse Conference.
3. Analyze use of Promoting Safe and Stable Families Time Limited Reunification grant funds. As appropriate, make recommendations and assist in implementing improvements in DCFS region practices to better address substance abuse and other allowable treatment needs.		Report completed. New 5-yr Child and Family Services Plan	Dec 2008 June 2009	
4. Explore child welfare-specific resources as they become available for addressing substance abuse and child welfare needs.		Record of grant search and grant application, if available	Ongoing	Notified appropriate Program Administrators of available grant opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/28/08 NACAC, two \$2,500 Scholarships Available for Youth Adopted from Care as Teens. • 6/12/08 DOJ Seeks Applications for Juvenile Courts and Juvenile Drug Courts