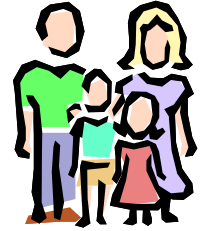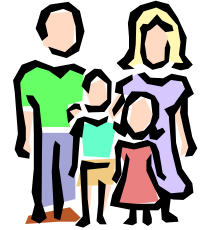# Wood County
Family & Children First Council

Strategic Planning Committee

Recommendations

August 15, 2012

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Wood County Family and Children First Council commissioned the Psychology Department of Bowling Green State University to conduct a three phase needs assessments of Wood County Children and Families.

This work was completed from 2010 through 2011 under the leadership and guidance of Dr. Eric Dubow and Dr. Carolyn Tompsett.

Integrative Summary of six major studies 1998 to 2010

Phase I – Families and Children: Ages 0 – 12

Phase II – Adolescents

Phase III – Transitional Youth

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A County-Wide Assessment of the Needs of Families and Children Wood County, OH 2010-2011

Prepared For:
The Wood County Family and Children First Council
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February 15, 2012

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You are invited to participate!

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at Wood County Educational Service Center
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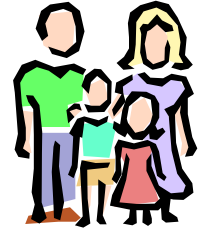
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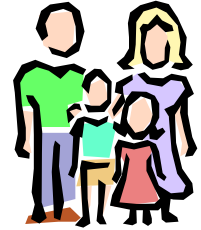**Transitional Youth/Young Adult** 18-24, not in school
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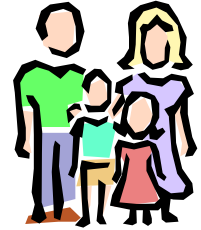
Discussion Process Outcomes

- **Specific age-level need -> ideas & suggestions** (more work needed in each area)

- **Common cross-category issues**

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CORE NEED & RECOMMENDATION

I. NEED – Make best use of available resources & position W.C. for resource acquisition

RECOMMENDATION - **Actively promote inter-agency/department collaboration** – take to new levels – encourage shared/blended resource use for service delivery (in-kind & financial) wherever possible for both existing & potential resources – position Wood County for best resource use & acquiring emerging resources
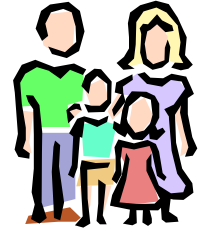
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CORE NEED & RECOMMENDATION

II. NEED – Multiple data sources exist but are not easily accessed

RECOMMENDATION - **Promote use of shared data** – FC2 Assessments, W.C. Youth Survey, Health Survey, & other data/information – accessible online/one web location
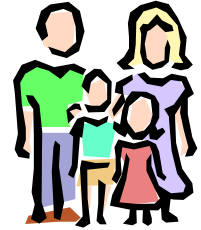
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III. NEED – Lack of awareness of available resources persists among public

RECOMMENDATION - **Continue providing "No Wrong Door" trainings** – for new staff (turnover) of all levels: support, administrative, service, executive
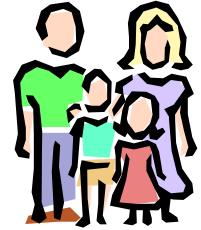
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CORE NEED & RECOMMENDATION

IV. NEED – Lack of clarity about existing groups & what issues they are working to address

RECOMMENDATION - **Develop broad list & description** of child/family groups/entities

a. extend invitations for participation in Family & Children First Council

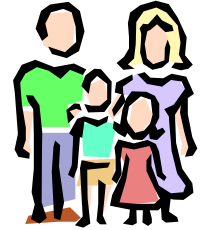b. coordinate resource map through "Balance Score Card" process

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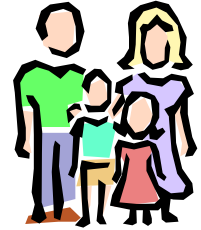V. NEED – Multiple resource listings, accessed differently

RECOMMENDATION - Work toward **integration of various resource listings** into one consolidated data set & access point – 211, Link, Pre-school Directory, Prevention Guide, Ohio's "Red Treehouse" project, & others

VI. NEED – Barriers exist to county-centered service delivery

RECOMMENDATION - Consider **expanding service outreach in local communities/ schools** as alternative to county centered service delivery – perhaps utilizing "Schools as Community Hubs" model – (may relieve portion of family transportation with local service access)

VII. NEED – Assessment data reveals needs at all age levels

RECOMMENDATION - **Advance each focal age-level area** through Committees – utilizing existing groups where possible:
Early Childhood (Early Childhood Collaborative)
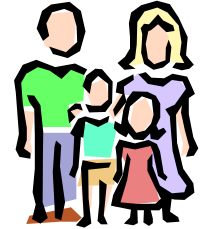School-Age (Community Learning Centers/others)
Adolescent (Prevention Coalition/ATOD),
Transitional Youth/Young Adult (emergent/newly formed);
Adult/Parent Support/Elderly (CRC, Parent Project, Guiding Good Choices/Senior Centers)

a) Broaden membership of Family & Children First Council to include chairpersons of each Committee as full member

b) Promote awareness & support of each Committee through inclusion on monthly FC2 agendas

Age-level needs & solutions

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NOTES

Key Collaboration Questions:

➤ How might existing programs/services respond/adapt to identified needs?
➤ What collaborations may help strengthen response to needs?
➤ What resources may be available to help?
   1. Existing – realignment (without sacrificing existing effective efforts)
   2. Potential – in-kind & available funds, grants, etc.
➤ How do we best promote awareness of services & ease of access?

Focal Collaboration Groups:

➤ **Early Childhood** 0–5: Rob Spence, Tamara O'Brien, Joanne Hayward, Gaby King
   1. Increase cross-agency training to identify services
   2. Increase screenings and child-find efforts, based on demographic data
   3. Build on collaborative effort currently in place and on strengths within agencies
   4. Develop 0-5 focus group, comprised of providers and parents, to explore:
      a. Conflict
      b. Coordination
      c. Cooperation
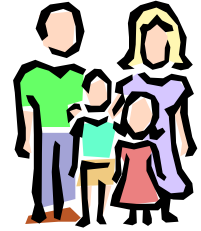   d. Collaboration
   5. Keep family-centered focus

➤ **School-Age** 6–12: Warren Fauver, Bill Donnelly, Eric Dubow, Cindy Hollinger, Sue Ullman
   1. Schools and school-aged programs explore health needs (dental, asthma, obesity) with the Health Department
   2. Circulate information on health issues to parents in flyers, newsletters, e-mails
   3. Incorporate intentionally focused programs on well-being (physical and emotional) and development of healthy life style
      a. Physical activity
      b. Problem-solving
   4. Continue the development of summer camp for youth with ADD/ADHD; CRC/SSHS
      a. Use the Pelham program
      b. Possibly extend it to an afterschool and Saturday program
   5. Connect children to meaningful enrichment opportunities
      a. Work to engage children not normally involved
      b. Build a talent or area of interest for each child

http://wcesc.org/files/SUMMIT-notes--final.pdf

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ALL Documents of the Integrative Summary, each Assessment Phase, Summit Notes, and this PowerPoint are available online at:

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to access the documents