

Marion County McKinney Vento Liaison Meeting

December 14, 2016

9:30 AM-11 AM

Attendance:

Tracy Beer, Patti Bock, Trenton Borom, Mike Chapuran, Jen Harris, Fatima Johnson, Erin Kimble, Tonya Monnier, Hope Munn, Louis Norris, Rachael Sample, Caleb Sutton

Continuum of Care Update

Crystal Haslett/Rachael Sample

Supportive Service Task Force Surveys

Rachael Sample

We are still collecting surveys through January. Please let Rachael know if you have a partner who wants to help.

Youth Needs Assessment

Rachael Sample

We are waiting on IRB approval, so we have not distributed any further information. We are hoping to get approval by the end of December.

Safe Families & Family Promise Discussion Mike Chapuran, Hope Munn, and Jen Harris

Safe Families & Family Promise shared their program elements and the group discussed challenges for transporting children. A few highlights:

Family Promise

In the last year the staff has changed, Hope Munn is now the main case worker for families in the program. Families are hosted at congregations and transported daily to the Day Center. We know the timing of arrival can be challenging for getting kids on buses, but feel things are improving. We want to partner more with schools to improve this issue.

Key things to note:

The new start time for the Day Center is 6 AM.

McKinney Vento liaisons shared that the 5 PM timing of arriving back at the Day Center can be tough for schools to meet, and Family Promise is trying to be more flexible.

2 years of aftercare is available once the family has exited the program.

Safe Families

The goal of Safe Families is to keep children out of foster care, prevent abuse and neglect and to mentor parents in crisis. Program is voluntary and parents do not pay a fee to participate. They are a viable placing agency with the state for up to one year. The families who take in children are volunteers. Reunification is 96%, average stay in the program is 34 days (51% reunification in foster care). Served 604 families in 2015 and will serve almost 700 in 2016.

Key discussion points:

Alex Kessler is the intake person who works with the schools in trying to obtain transportation for children to school. Families receive training to take in the children, but it isn't a therapeutic placement, and they recognize their limitations. The organization employs MSWs as family coaches.

The group had a discussion about various challenges:

Different ages of children starting school at different times?

Busing kids who are close to the county line?

McKinney Vento's shared that they would like agencies to work directly with the McKinney Vento in the home school (where the child currently goes) the child came from because each school is different. McKinney Vento's have the legal commitment to work to accommodate children in these situations, so please contact their school to get the process started.

Finally, its important for groups to know that McKinney Vento services extend for an entire school year, not a semester or calendar year.

McKinney Vento Work Plan

Rachael Sample

- According to the work plan, the group has decided they want to prioritize involvement in the CoC. Please consider attending meetings for the Supportive Services Task Force January 19 from 1:30-3 PM at CHIP or the Family Resource Group meeting on January 10th from 2:30-4 at Wheeler Women & Children's Center.
- Rachael will email the group about who would like to develop a "one-pager" on McKinney Vento for other service providers.

Future meeting dates:

January 11

- 1) DCS and McKinney Vento
- 2) Laurie DeSautels

February 8

- 1) ESSA Changes for McKinney Vento

March 8

TBD

Reminder: Homeless Memorial Service on December 21, 2016