

Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 18

Meeting Date: 04/08/2022

Meeting Location: Microsoft Teams

Council Members Present

Myra Albertson, Washington County Probation Cather Rachel Ballard Mil, Floyd Co FCM
Mark Barry, Washington Co Director
Caitlin Busick, Scott Co Supervisor
Judge Vicki Carmichael/Paul Lenfert, Proxy for Clark Co. Judge Brad Fortner, Regional Manager
Rick Hurst, Clark Co Supervisor
Tawana Jackson, Harrison Co Director
Kelly Shellhamer, Scott County CASA

Council Members Absent

Catherine "Catie" Dorgay, Harrison County FCM

Others in attendance

Aaron Tedrow, Scott Co Supervisor

MariBeth Adams-Wolf, Our Place Sarah Ash, Childplace Ashley Braswell, Clark County Youth Shelter Ann Carruthers, Clark Floyd Communities Kimberly Chumbley, Our Place Debbie Dailey, Regional Finance Manager (DCS)

Shannon J. Emmett, Recording Secretary (DCS) Karen Feldmanis, Home of The Innocents Timon Givan-Coots, National Youth Advocate Program

Kristy Glotzbach, Regional Youth Services
Angelique Gray, Promising Futures
Amanda Green, LifeSpring Health Systems
Angel Hood, George Junior Republic
Lisa Jacobs, Community Care
Trish Kite-Hannon, New Hope Services
Dana Lemon, ACP
Shannon Mount, Child & Family Advocates

Jason Nelson, Regional Services Coordinator (DCS) Misty Ronau, Youth Link Southern Indiana

Amy Rutherford, Scott Co Director (DCS)
Paris Scott, Ireland Home Based ServicesCommunity Partners

Norm Smith, Wernle

Shannon Smith, George Junior Republic Karen Sommer, Ireland Home Based Services-Community Partners

Tabitha Sprigler, Family Time

Liz Stauth, Anthem

Danielle Stansfield, Ireland Home Based

Services-Community Partners Kyrstin Stethen Youth Villages Dedra Watkins, Youth Villages

Brittany Webster, Floyd Co Division Manager

(DCS)

Bill Zenor, PCS Counseling

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order by Brad Fortner, Region 18 Manager

- I. Welcome, Introduction and Approval of Minutes Brad Fortner welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the council members. Kelly Shelhamer made a motion, seconded by Mark Barry, to approve the minutes as read from the January 21, 2022, meeting. All were in favor, motion carried.
- II. Budget Report Debbie Dailey, Regional Finance Manager, gave an update on the budget through the third quarter that ended in March 2022. The target spend was 76.52% and the region spent 83%. Region 18 has decreased the number of children served over the last 12 months by 15.5%. We are currently serving 33% of our children in either Informal Adjustments or In-Home CHINS, with 60.91% of children served placed in family setting (In-Home CHINS, Informal Adjustments, and relative homes). At the end of March, the region had 626 children in Out of Home CHINS, with just a little over 6% placed in a residential setting. Over the past year, the region has reduced the number of children placed in residential from 55 children to 40. Of the remaining children in out of home care, 41.5% were in relative care and 50.6% were in foster care or an LCPA.
- III. Programs and Services Jason Nelson, Regional Services Coordinator, gave an update that the region has 85 family preservation referrals open, which shows a 15-20% decrease over the last 6 months. The Family Preservation Services statewide call is occurring at 1 p.m. today and Jason can provide the link via e-mail to anyone interested in attending. Jason plans to meet with local offices within the region to present a referral writing and services training with both new and veteran DCS staff. He can also connect with partner agencies and service providers to set up a report writing training and let providers know to reach out to him if interested.
- IV. Community Partners Danielle Stansfield, Ireland Home Based Services, presented the community partners report (see attached). Reports included: breakdown of the number of referrals for each county referral source and service type, and a finance report on expenditures. When looking at February's numbers, the target spend was projected to be 66% but they have only used 61%. However, March referrals doubled compared to January and February and Danielle believes they will be back on target once March's data is available. They received 407 referrals in Region 18. Clark received 142, Floyd 165, Harrison 22, Scott 40, and Washington 38. There are currently 63 levels open serving families.

Paris Scott shared a community partner's success story with those present.

Danielle let everyone know that the Parent Café is still operating virtually, allowing people to attend regardless of where they live. April's topic is 'Recognizing Signs of Abuse'. May's topic will be discussing labels, and how they can be helpful or harmful within a family dynamic. Please reach out to Danielle if you would like to receive flyers regarding the Parent Café. Next Tuesday, April 12th will be their 2nd Recovery Community Café Program. It will be an 8-week series. They have about 8 people signed up and are still looking for more to join.

The following community partner gave a presentation to the council regarding their programs and services:

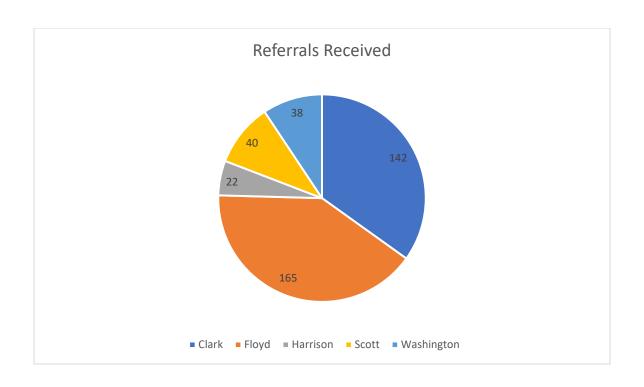
Shannon Mount, Child & Family Advocates

- V. Other Business Service Providers introduced themselves and gave updates on their programs.
- VI. Adjourn Tawana Jackson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul Lenfert. All were in favor and meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.



Referrals Received 2021 - 2022

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Clark	10	14	14	18	20	16	13	16	21				142
Floyd	16	13	18	13	26	16	20	15	28				165
Harrison	1	2	5	2	3	2	0	1	6				22
Scott	3	3	6	7	5	4	6	1	5				40
Washington	2	4	6	3	4	3	4	3	9				38
Total:	32	36	49	43	58	41	43	36	69				407
Fiscal Year 2019-2020	44	56	47	55	40	37	35	52	52	33	41	33	525
Fiscal Year 2020-2021	39	39	43	59	49	41	38	73	57	47	52	47	584



<u>Clark</u>

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Blue Rivers	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0				1
Services													
Brighter	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
Future													
Solutions													
Centerstone	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1
Charlestown	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				1
Elementary													
Clark Co	2	1	1	3	3	1	0	0	0				11
Probation													
DCS	6	9	7	5	9	7	9	9	17				78
East	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1
Washington													
Elementary													
Floyd Knobs	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				1
Elementary													
Greene	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Valley													
Elementary													
School													
Head Start	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				2
Life Springs	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0				3
Louisville	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				1
Pediatric													
Hospital													
New	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				1
Washington													
Elementary													
River Valley	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	2				7
Middle													
School													

Self	2	2	4	7	5	3	1	2	1		27
Silver Creek	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0		4
Elementary											
Wrap	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0		1
Around											
Total	10	14	14	18	20	16	13	16	21		142

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
DCS	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0				4
Family/	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0				4
Friend													
Havenhouse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1
IHBS staff	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0				2
Juvenile	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0				2
Probation													
Life Springs	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
Previous	0	1	1	2	4	1	1	0	0				10
Client													
Still Water	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1
Therapy													
Wellstone	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Wrap	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1
Around													
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Total	2	2	4	7	5	3	1	2	1				27

Floyd

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Choices LRC	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				2
Community Montessori	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				1
DCS	14	10	14	9	15	13	11	11	18				115
Family and Children's Place	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0				3
Floyd Co Schools	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0				2
Green Valley Elementary	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				1
Hazelwood Middle School	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0				2
Head Start	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1				2
IU Health	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1
Life Spring Health	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1
Mt Tabor Elementary	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1				2
New Albany Floyd Schools	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	3				9
New Albany High School	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1
River Valley Resources	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				1
S Ellen Jones Elementary	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0				2

Self	2	2	2	3	3	2	1	0	2		17
Slate Run	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0		2
Elementary											
Total	16	13	18	13	26	16	20	15	28		164

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
DCS	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0				1
Family/ Friend	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2				3
Floyd Co Police	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
Floyd Co Schools	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				2
Homeless Coalition	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
IHBS	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				2
Internet search	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				1
Life Springs	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
Parkview Baptist Church	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
Previous Client	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				1
St. Elizabeth Catholic Charities	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Trustee's office	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0				1
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1
Total	2	2	2	3	3	2	1	0	2				17

<u>Harrison</u>

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
DCS	1	2	3	1	3	2	0	0	6				18
Head Start	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Self	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0				3
Total	1	2	5	2	3	2	0	1	6				22

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
DCS	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
Facebook	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				
Total	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0				2

Scott

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
DCS	3	3	5	3	4	2	5	1	3				29
IU Health	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
Scottsburg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1
High School													
Self	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	1				7
Vienna	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0				2
Finley													
Elementary													
Total	3	3	6	7	5	4	6	1	5				40

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Church	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
First Baptist Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1
IHBS staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0				1
Police Dept.	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
Previous Client	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0				2
Still Water Therapy	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1
Total	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	1				7

Washington

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Bradie	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				2
Shrum													
Elementary													
DCS	2	1	4	2	2	1	1	1	2				16
East	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	1				6
Washington													
Middle													
Homeless	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1
Coalition													
Life Springs	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0				1
Salem	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2				3
Community													
Schools													
Self	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	3				9
Total	2	4	6	3	4	3	4	3	9				38

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
DCS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1				1
Family/	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0				1
Friend													
Healthy	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
Families													
Previous	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	2				5
Client													
Washington	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				1
County													
Probation													
Total	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	3				9



Ireland Home Based Services Community Partner for Child Safety April 1, 2022

As of April 1, 2022, a total of 148 referrals had been received since January 1, 2022. A home-based caseworker (HBCW) was assigned to 148 cases, a home-based therapist (HBT) was assigned to 0 cases.

There are 63 levels currently being serviced through Community Partners for Child Safety to assist 63 families.

Region 18 received a total of 43 referrals during the month of January. Of these referrals, 13 cases came from Clark County, 20 from Floyd County, o from Harrison County, 6 from Scott County, and 4from Washington County.

Region 18 received a total of 36 referrals during the month of February. Of these referrals, 16 cases came from Clark County, 15 from Floyd County, 1 from Harrison County, 1 from Scott County, and 3 from Washington County.

Region 18 received a total of 69 referrals during the month of March. Of these referrals, 21 cases came from Clark County, 28 from Floyd County, 6 from Harrison County, 5 from Scott County, and 9 from Washington County.

January 2022

County	Referrals	Referral Source
Clark	13	DCS (9) Other (2) School (1) Self (1)
Floyd	20	DCS (11) Other (1) School (7) Self (1)
Harrison	0	
Scott	6	DCS (5) Self (1)
Washington	4	DCS (1) Other (1) School (1) Self (1)
Total	43	

February 2022

County	Referrals	Referral Source
Clark	16	DCS (9) Other (2) School (3) Self (2)
Floyd	15	DCS (11) Other (2) School (2)
Harrison	1	Self (1)
Scott	1	DCS (1)
Washington	3	DCS (1) School (2)
Total	36	

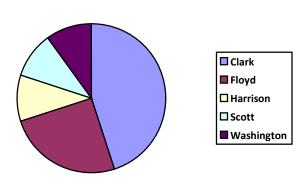
March 2022

County	Referrals	Referral Source
Clark	21	DCS (17) Other (1) School (2) Self (1)
Floyd	28	DCS (18) Other (3) School (4) Self (2)
Harrison	6	DCS (6)
Scott	5	DCS (3) School (1) Self (1)
Washington	9	DCS (2) Other (1) School (3) Self (3)
Total	69	

Current Open Referrals

County	Referrals	Percentages (%)	Service Level
Clark	27	43%	HBCW (27)
Floyd	15	25%	HBCW (15)
Harrison	6	9%	HBCW (6)
Scott	6	9%	HBCW (6)
Washington	9	14%	HBCW (9)
Total	63	100%	

Current Open Referrals



Recent Success Story:

IHBS was working with a family that consisted of a single mom and her children. They were living in a domestic violence shelter, and had just moved to the area to escape the perpetrator. I connected them with community resources for clothing and food, primary care physicians, mental health services, and low-income housing. The children were enrolled into school, and connected to therapy through the school. The mom also gained full time at the children's school, and was connected to on-going therapy. They eventually got a furnished apartment through the shelters transitional housing program. The family is now established in their new community which is free from domestic violence and the family is thriving.

Ireland Home Based Services, LLC Community Partners for Child Safety - Region 18

Total Budget: \$591,124.77

Month	Service Delivery	Flex Funds	Total	Budget Remaining	% of budget used	Target %
July '21	\$ 41,841.77	\$0.00	\$ 41,841.77	\$48,843.07	7%	8%
August '21	\$ 36,403.11	\$415.20	\$36,818.31	\$50,777.98	13%	17%
September '21	\$38,121.38	\$493.65	\$38,615.03	\$52,649.96	19%	25%
October '21	\$43,495.18	\$851.10	\$44,346.28	\$53,907.91	27.3%	33%
November '21	\$42,149.92	\$986.69	\$43,136.61	\$55,195.25	34%	42%
December '21	\$78,035.42	\$1,078.62	\$79,114.04	\$51,208.78	47%	50%
January '22	\$39,310.69	\$328.45	\$39,639.14	\$53,522.71	54%	58%
February '22	\$42,114.56	\$224.41	\$42,338.97	\$56,318.65	61%	66%
March '22						74%
April '22						83%
May '22						91%
June '22						100%
TOTAL	\$ 361,472.03	\$4,378.12	\$365,850.15	\$225,274.62		

Summary of Service Delivery by County

Month	Clark	Floyd	Harrison	Scott	Washington	Total
July	\$12,803.58	\$20,025.47	\$631.82	\$6,113.08	\$2,267.82	\$41,841.77
August	\$9,650.46	\$19,333.70	\$618.85	\$5,373.10	\$1,427.00	\$36,403.11
September	\$14,772.03	\$12,034.92	\$2,942.98	\$3,461.42	\$4,910.03	\$38,121.38
October	\$15,927.93	\$14,379.51	\$2,957.67	\$6,350.30	\$3,879.77	\$43,495.18
November	\$19,064.41	\$12,910.52	\$2,621.73	\$5,542.71	\$2,010.55	\$42,149.92
December	\$28,389.29	\$28,662.41	\$8,537.07	\$7,405.56	\$5,041.09	\$78,035.42
January	\$16,054.49	\$16,274.63	\$1,788.64	\$3,577.27	\$1,615.66	\$39,310.69
February	\$17,511.23	\$16,837.41	\$1,166.57	\$1,794.08	\$4,805.27	\$42,114.56
March						
April					`	
May						
June						
TOTAL	\$134,173.42	\$140,458.57	\$21,265.33	\$39,617.52	\$25,957.19	\$361,472.03

Summary of Flex Funds by County

Month	Clark	Floyd	Harrison	Scott	Washington	Total
July	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
August	\$174.41	\$240.79	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$415.20
September	\$35.00	\$158.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$493.65
October	\$100.00	\$376.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$374.66	\$851.10
November	\$156.00	\$280.69	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00	\$986.69
December	\$555.25	\$124.00	\$0.00	\$145.20	\$254.17	\$1,078.62
January	\$201.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$127.33	\$0.00	\$328.45
February	\$0.00	\$99.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$125.00	\$224.41
March						
April						
May						
June						
TOTAL	\$1,221.78	\$1,279.98	\$0.00	\$822.53	\$1,053.83	\$4,378.12



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Mission of Child & Family Advocates

to provide high quality education, counseling and advocacy services to children and families in an effort to promote healthy family functioning

Who We Are

Shannon Mount, PhD, LCSW is a licensed clinical social worker with over 25 years of helping children and families in school, home-based, and private counseling settings. She also has over 20 years of successfully writing and administering grants.

Holly Asdell, LCSW is a licensed clinical social worker with over 15 years of professional experience working with children and families in the Department of Child Services, hospital and school settings.

Both Holly and Shannon are fully trained family mediators and are listed on the Indiana Mediation Registry

Risk Factor Prevention: Family Conflict

Our passion is to help reduce the risk factor "Family Conflict"

Nearly half of Indiana high school students live in a family that argues repetitively (48.6%), 38.9% live in a family that has serious arguments, and 37.4% live in a family that often insults each other. (National Survey of Drug Use and Health)

40-50% of our Scott County 7-12th graders were at high risk for living with high family conflict (NOTE:All families have conflict, but high conflict is damaging to children)

Shannon & Holly are full time school social workers and saw the harmful effects that Family Conflict has on children. We turned this passion into Child & Family Advocates, a 501-C-3 nonprofit dedicated to helping children and families.

What We Do Also Known As: Chasing the Grant \$\$!

- Co-Parenting Classes for those who have filed for divorce. This is a 2 hour, researched-based curricula that helps guide families through the transition of separation & divorce with a focus on reducing family conflict.
- □ Co-Parenting Classes for those who were never married but are raising children out of two homes (Paternity Cases)
- ☐ Individual Co-Parenting Sessions (high conflict, domestic abuse situations, Department of Child Services involved cases)
- ☐ Children's Therapeutic Support Groups
- ☐ Family Mediation Services (individual sessions plus a joint session)
- ☐ Guardian Ad Litem services (2 family therapists for the price of 1 attorney!)

Region 18 Prevention Partner Contract (July 2021-June 2022)

Goal #1: To help prevent and reduce family conflict by providing educational counseling groups and (targeted/professionally referred) individual sessions.

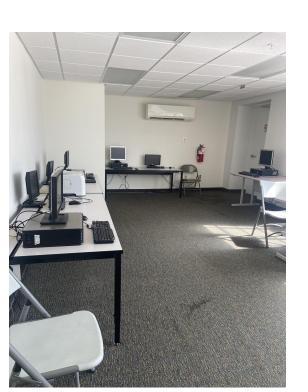
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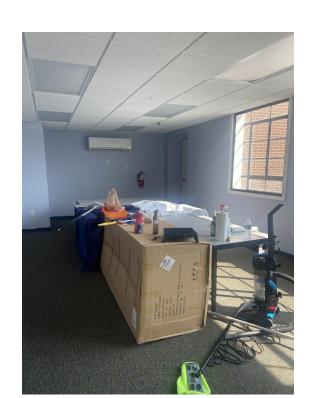
 To provide twice monthly (24 total) research-based educational co-parenting groups for divorcing and never-married parents. [COVID UPDATE = only had to cancel 1 class in April 2020; worked hard to launch an online option co-parenting class. In Jan 2022, back to 2 in-person classes each month and online class is viewed as supplemental information for those on our website.]

Personal Targets

To serve at least 50 parents in our educational groups [32 served/3 months left in contract]

Scott County Community Foundation Grant (June 2021 - May 2022) WE HAVE A HOME! Bacala Center, 2nd Floor, 69 E. Wardell (on the Square) in Scottsburg!







United Way of Scott County Grant (July 2021-December 2021 ENDED)

COVID Relief – Expanding Services Grant

Goal #1: Get Bacala Building 2nd floor up and running (previously unused city property)

Goal #2: Offer creative "space sharing" idea for advanced licensed mental health counselors

Goal #3: Expand Child & Family Advocates supportive services to families

Monthly Children's Support Groups & follow up co-parenting individual counseling sessions

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