

## Cross Systems Task Force Recommendations and Requests

May 20, 2015

The Cross Systems Task Force would respectfully request that the Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana formally endorse the following:

1. **Cross-System Symposium:** The Cross System Symposium is being designed and implemented to have a team of individuals which includes the juvenile judicial officer, the chief probation officer or chief of police, the Department of Child Services Local Office Director, and decision makers from local mental health and schools. The symposium would include a guided discussion on defining cross system youth in each community, identifying the youth in each community including services available and needed, the agencies that would need to be involved in addressing this population in each community and any barriers to implementation. Each team will be responsible for creating an action plan that will be tabulated by the Cross Systems Task Force to develop common themes and needs across Indiana;
  - a. Timeline: Symposium- July 24, 2015  
Identifying Themes and Needs: July, August, 2015  
Presentation of Findings from Symposium to Task Force: October 27, 2015
  
2. **The Cross System Pilot projects in the State of Indiana.** These pilot projects will begin the process of developing and implementing strategies to identify dually identified, dually involved or dually adjudicated youth or what could be considered generically dual status youth. These pilots will also identify the unique needs for this population and work with community and State agencies to address these needs in cooperation and coordination with the implementation of House Enrollment Act 1196.
  - a. Timeline: The Cross System Task Force is currently working with the Indiana Judicial Center the Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee and the Indiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges as they are engaged in Casey Family Program's Judicial Engagement and the implementation of pilot sights.
  - b. The following counties for implementation of the pilot sights with the Casey Family Program Judicial Engagement have been identified by the Juvenile Justice Improvement Committee and the Indiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges: Allen, Clark, Elkhart, Henry, Marion and Tippecanoe. The Task Force shall be collaborating with those entities to complete the pilot projects.