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<p><i>What is SAFEPOLICY?</i></p>	<p>SAFEPOLICY stands for School Administrators For Effective Public Operation</p> <p>Leading to Improved Children and Youth services.</p> <p>The SAFEPOLICY committee, being developed as an inter-agency response network to identify at-risk youths, responds to the needs of our community in promoting programs to prevent delinquency. It is a joint effort between:</p> <p>Howard County Office of Family and Children</p> <p>Eastern School Corporation</p> <p>Howard County Circuit Court</p> <p>Howard County Prosecutor’s Office</p> <p>Howard County Sheriff’s Department</p> <p>Kokomo Center Township Consolidated School Corporation</p> <p>Kokomo Police Department</p> <p>Northwestern School Corporation</p> <p>Taylor School Corporation</p> <p>Western School Corporation</p> <p>The SAFEPOLICY Screening Team further acts as the Howard County Early Intervention Team in accordance with IC 31-34-24 and 31-37-24.</p>
<p><i>Who are At-Risk Youth?</i></p>	<p>An At-Risk youth, in accordance with this program, is a youth that has at least three (3) identifiers from three (3) separate agencies. The at-risk identifiers are:</p> <p>Attendance Problems at school</p> <p>Discipline Problems at school</p>

	<p>Academic Problems at school</p> <p>Placement in Alternative School setting</p> <p>Placement in Emotionally Handicapped classes</p> <p>Retained/Not Promoted</p> <p>Substantiated Abuse or Neglect</p> <p>Parents on AFDC contract with the Howard County OFC</p> <p>Domestic Violence occurring in the home</p> <p>Substance Abuse on behalf of parent</p> <p>Age vs. Violent Offense</p> <p>Contact with the Juvenile Probation Department</p> <p>Custody by a Law Enforcement Agency</p>
<p><i>What does it mean to be identified as At-Risk?</i></p>	<p>Identified At-Risk youth will be screened by the SAFEPOLICY Screening Team for the determination of available services. For each youth screened, a case plan will be developed and implemented according to the policy and purpose of the committee.</p> <p>Each case plan will be developed to utilize all existing community resources in an effort to reduce institutionalizations. Each youth screening will be offered all services and resources in accordance with the individual needs of the youth and family.</p>

The SHOCAP/SAFEPOLICY concept is driven by the timely exchange of information and organized cooperation of agencies.