



# Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 18

**Meeting Date: 10/20/2023**

**Meeting Location: Microsoft Teams**

## **Council Members Present**

Myra Albertson, Washington County Probation  
Rachel Ballard-Mil, Harrison County FCM (DCS)  
Brad Fortner, Regional Manager/ Council Chair (DCS)  
Tawana Jackson, Harrison Co Director (DCS)

## **Council Members Absent**

Caitlin Busick, Clark Co Director (DCS)  
Mark Barry, Washington Co Director (DCS)  
Kelly Shelhamer, Scott County CASA  
Judge Vicki Carmichael/Paul Lenfert, Proxy  
Rick Hurst, Clark Co Supervisor

## **Others in attendance**

Molly Barnes, ASI Community Wellness Group  
Alicia Barnickle, Rauch Inc  
Ashley Braswell, Clark County Youth Shelter  
Brian Davis, Childplace  
Shannon J. Emmett, Recording Secretary (DCS)  
Laura Fleming-Balmer, Clark County Youth Shelter  
Kristi Glotzbach, The Family Ark  
Andrea Goodwin, Omnivisions  
Amanda Green, LifeSpring  
Kati Guernsey, Centerstone  
Angela Hood, George Junior Republic  
Shayna Jones, Lifeline Youth  
Janna Mallay, LCSW, George Junior Republic  
Jason Nelson, Regional Services Coordinator (DCS)  
Milena Olivas, Family Time  
Krystal Pollard, Program Director (DCS)

Heather Richard, Blue River Services  
Amy Rutherford, Scott Co Director (DCS)  
Paris Scott, Ireland Home Based Services-  
Community Partners  
Denise Scrivner, ASI Community Wellness Group  
Stephanie Severn, Centerstone  
Karen Sommer, Ireland Home Based Services-  
Community Partners  
Danielle Stansfield, Ireland Home Based Services-  
Community Partners  
John Taylor, Family & Children's Place  
Theresa, Family & Children's Place  
Dedra Watkins, Youth Villages  
Donnie Willis, Our Place  
Doug (Guest)

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order by Brad Fortner, Regional Manager.

- I. **Welcome, Introduction and Approval of Minutes** Brad Fortner, Regional Manager, welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the council members. Tawana Jackson made a motion, seconded by Myra Albertson to approve the minutes as read from the October 2023 meeting. All were in favor, motion carried.
- II. **Budget Report** Debbie Dailey, Regional Finance Manager, was unable to attend and Brad Fortner shared updates on the FY 24 budget year through September 2023. Region 18 target for expenditures July - September was 25% and the region spent 24.21%. The number of children served has been decreasing since January, 882 children vs 791 children in September showing a 10% decrease. Residential numbers have decreased from 43 children to 37 children. When comparing average spend to the previous quarter (April, May, June) to most recent quarter (July, August, September) there has been a 2.16% increase. This is partially due to the service hour rate adjustment that went into effective July 1, 2023, and the recent new kinship stipend. Budgets were adjusted for these expenditures when allocated in June.
- III. **Programs and Services** Jason Nelson, Regional Services Coordinator, shared that it is time to begin working on the Biennial Regional Services Strategic Plan. The state's goal is to assign uniform service goals for each region. A region workgroup will be created to put together a plan including action items that are specific to each region. To collect and achieve these goals, there will be a public testimony hearing scheduled for November 17, 2023, at 9 a.m. at the Floyd DCS Office. Once we've had the public hearing, we may send out invites to some of our partner agencies and members of the Regional Service Council to participate in the workgroup. Jason shared that the plan this year will revolve around engaging parents a little bit more effectively and improving services that are more individualized and specific to families. Once the Biennial Plan is complete, he anticipates there will be a quorum vote to approve that plan at our first Regional Service Council meeting in 2024. After that it will be submitted for local office director approval.

There is a statewide Family Preservation virtual meeting today at 1:00 p.m. and Jason encourages everyone to attend. There will be a focus in discussion on intervention to maintain safety in the home. The region has about 110 Family Preservation cases and 21 probation cases open, which is the highest we have seen so far. Probation was able to begin making referrals for Family Preservation in January 2023. For probation, we do not mandate that every case gets a Family Preservation referral but are making them when it makes sense for that family and youth.

Jason is hoping to schedule a provider meeting in December for regions 13, 14, and 18 to talk about supervised parenting time and adjustments that have been made to that service standard. He commended providers and staff in region 18 with reimaging what those services look like (standard and enhanced) and the idea that supervised parenting time is limited and we intervene as little as possible. The goal is to make sure referrals are at the standard level whenever safety allows. Region 18 is within the top 5 regions correctly referring this service out.

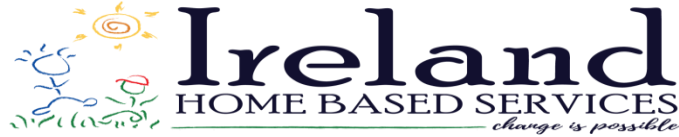
- IV. **Community Partners** Danielle Stansfield, Ireland Home Based Services (IHBS) presented the community partners report through August 2023. Reports included: breakdown of the number of referrals for each county referral source and service type, and a finance report on expenditures. Through August the target was 17% and they have used 16%. There were 168 referrals received so far in July and August: 64 for Clark, 57 Floyd, 8 Harrison, 26 Scott, and 13 for Washington. Currently have 65 open referrals. Danielle shared they were hoping to open the Family Resource Center in November but there were some delays with renovations. There is not an updated opening date currently. Danielle and her team are looking into mobile outreach for the community throughout November to see if that is a possibility. Once she has more information and dates available, she will share.

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

## Meeting Minutes

- V. **Presentation** Ashley Braswell with Clark County Youth Shelter
- VI. **Other Business** Service Providers introduced themselves and gave updates on their programs.
- VII. **Adjourn** Myra Albertson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tawana Jackson, all were in favor and meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Shannon J Emmett, Recording Secretary



**Ireland Home Based Services  
Community Partner for Child Safety  
October 1, 2023**

As of October 1, 2023, a total of 168 referrals had been received since July 1, 2023. A home-based caseworker (HBCW) was assigned to 168 cases, a home-based therapist (HBT) was assigned to 0 cases.

There are 65 levels currently being serviced through Community Partners for Child Safety to assist 65 families.

Region 18 received a total of 35 referrals during the month of July. Of these referrals, 11 cases came from Clark County, 14 from Floyd County, 4 from Harrison County, 6 from Scott County, and 0 from Washington County.

Region 18 received a total of 76 referrals during the month of August. Of these referrals, 36 cases came from Clark County, 17 from Floyd County, 2 from Harrison County, 12 from Scott County, and 9 from Washington County.

Region 18 received a total of 57 referrals during the month of September. Of these referrals, 17 cases came from Clark County, 26 from Floyd County, 2 from Harrison County, 8 from Scott County, and 4 from Washington County.

**July 2023**

County	Referrals	Referral Source
Clark	11	DCS (5) Other (2) Self (4)
Floyd	14	DCS (10) School (1) Self (3)
Harrison	4	DCS (2) Self (2)
Scott	6	DCS (4) Self (2)
Washington	0	
Total	35	

**August 2023**

County	Referrals	Referral Source
Clark	36	DCS (22) Other (6) School (3) Self (5)
Floyd	17	DCS (10) Other (1) School (4) Self (2)
Harrison	2	DCS (2)
Scott	12	DCS (10) School (1) Self (1)
Washington	9	DCS (5) School (3) Self (1)
Total	76	

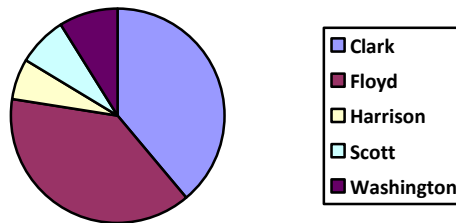
**September 2023**

County	Referrals	Referral Source
Clark	17	DCS (12) School (2) Self (3)
Floyd	26	DCS (17) School (7) Self (2)
Harrison	2	DCS (1) School (1)
Scott	1	Other (1)
Washington	4	DCS (1) School (1) Self (2)
Total	45	

## Current Open Referrals

County	Referrals	Percentages (%)	Service Level
Clark	26	41%	HBCW (26)
Floyd	26	41%	HBCW (26)
Harrison	4	15%	HBCW (4)
Scott	5	8%	HBCW (5)
Washington	4	5%	HBCW (4)
Total	65	100%	

### Current Open Referrals



### Success Story

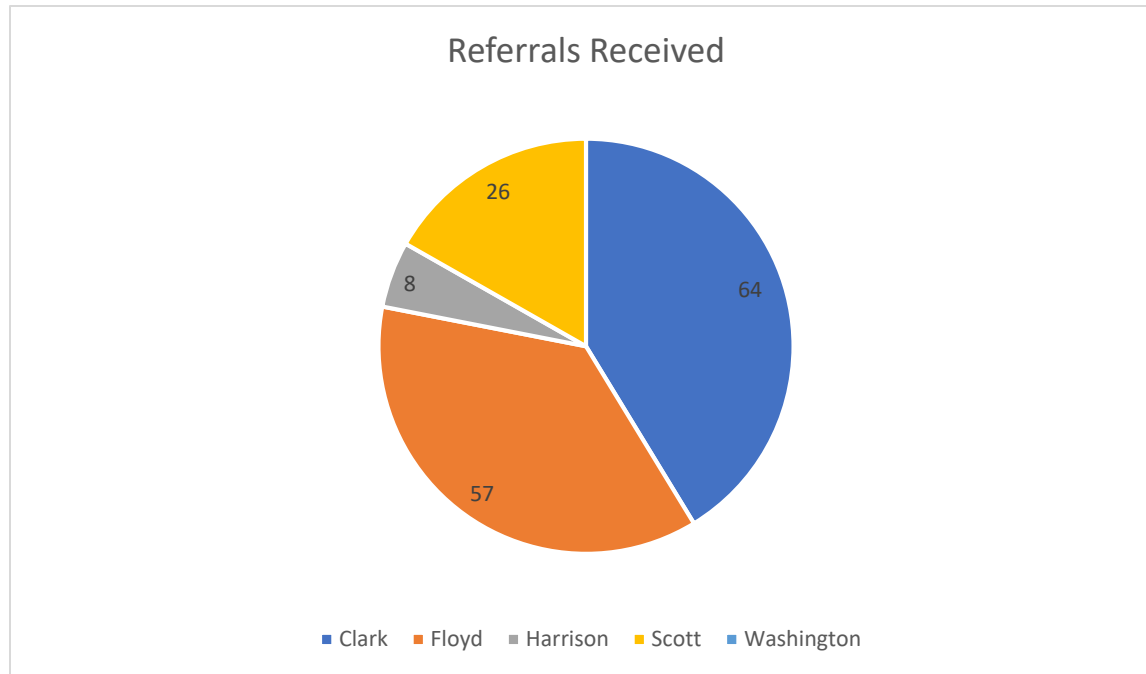
We received a referral for a family through their Scott County school in July 2023. The child was facing truancy from missing a lot of school due to transportation issues. Due to health complications the child had to have multiple surgeries and since mom did not have transportation, she was unable to get him to school after his physical therapy. IHBS was able to talk to the school and come up with a plan to successfully get the child to school. The school, mom, and IHBS agreed on the plan of having the child do online school and once he has successfully completed all of his multiple surgeries and been cleared from physical therapy, he will rejoin in-person school. IHBS was able to help mom register her child into an online school program and was able to help them get a free laptop through the online school's registry. Upon completing services in September 2023, the child was logged in to his classes so that he could complete assignments. Mom was relieved that he would no longer miss any more school.



Referrals Received 2023-2024

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Clark	11	36	17										64
Floyd	14	17	26										57
Harrison	4	2	2										8
Scott	6	12	8										26
Washington	0	9	4										13
Total:	35	76	57										168
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
Fiscal Year 2021-2022	32	36	49	43	58	41	43	36	69	62	59	44	573
Fiscal Year 2022-2023	55	54	63	45	49	49	48	63	59	55	55	45	641

### Referrals Received



Clark:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Choices Resource Center	0	1	0										1
Clark County Youth Shelter	0	1	0										1
Clark Memorial Hospital	1	0	0										1
DCS	5	22	12										39
Franklin Square Elementary	0	1	0										1
Help Me Grow	0	1	0										1
Juvenile Probation	1	2	0										3
Life Spring	0	1	0										1
NAFCS	0	0	1										1
Northaven Elementary	0	1	0										1
River Valley Middle School	0	1	1										2
Self	4	5	3										12
Total:	11	36	17										64



Sources of self-referrals:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
211	0	1	0										1
DCS	3	1	0										4
Juvenile Probation	0	1	0										1
Family/Friend	1	0	1										2
Previous Client	0	1	2										3
Uttica Elementary	0	1	0										1
Total:	4	5	3										12

Floyd:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
DCS	10	10	17										37
Green Valley Elementary School	0	1	2										3
Hazelwood Middle	0	0	1										1
IU Health	1	0	0										1
Juvenile Probation	0	1	0										1
Mt Tabor Elementary	0	1	3										4
NAFCS	0	2	1										3
Self	3	2	2										7
Total:	14	17	26										57

Sources of self-referrals:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
DCS	1	1	1										3
GAL	1	0	0										1
Healthy Families	1	0	0										1
Juvenile Probation	0	1	0										1
Previous Client	0	0	1										1
Total:	3	2	2										7

Harrison:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
DCS	2	2	1										5
Georgetown Elementary	0	0	1										1
Self	2	0	0										2
Total:	4	2	2										8

Sources of self-referrals:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
DCS	1	0	0										1
Juvenile Probation	1	0	0										1
Total:	2	0	0										2

Scott:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
DCS	4	10	7										21
Scottsburg Middle School	0	1	0										1
Self	2	1	1										4
Total:	6	12	8										26

Sources of self-referrals:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
211	1	0	0										1
Community Church	0	1	0										1
Nortons Hospital	0	0	1										1
Previous Client	1	0	0										1
Total:	2	1	1										4

Washington:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Bradie Shrum Elementary	0	0	1										1
DCS	0	5	1										6
East Washington Elementary	0	2	0										2
Salem Community Schools	0	1	0										1
Self	0	1	2										3
Total:	0	9	4										13

Sources of self-referrals:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
211	0	0	1										1
Brochure	0	0	1										1
Previous Client	0	1	0										1
Total:	0	1	2										3

**Ireland Home Based Services, LLC**  
**Community Partners for Child Safety - Region 18**  
**Total Budget: \$605,912.27**

Month	Service Delivery	Flex Funds	Total	Budget Remaining	% of budget used	Target %
July '23	\$50,926.10	\$169.00	\$51,095.10	\$49,093.60	8%	8%
August '23	\$50,702.88	\$0.00	\$50,702.88	\$50,411.42	16%	17%
September '23						25%
October '23						33%
November '23						42%
December '23						50%
January '24						58%
February '24						66%
March '24						74%
April '24						83%
May '24						91%
June '24						100%
TOTAL	\$101,628.98	\$169.00	\$101,797.98	\$504,114.29		