



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 18

Meeting Date: 10/18/2024

Meeting Location: Microsoft Teams

Council Members Present

Myra Albertson, Washington Co Probation
Ballard-Mil, Harrison County FCM (DCS)
Caitlin Busick, Clark Co Director (DCS)
Mark Barry, Washington Co Director (DCS)
Brad Fortner, Regional Manager/ Council Chair (DCS)
Tawana Jackson, Harrison Co Director (DCS)
Jessica Lewis, Harrison County FCMS (DCS)
Judge Vicki Carmichael/Paul Lenfert, Proxy

Council Members Absent

Julia Arnold, Scott County FCMS (DCS)
Stephanie Hale, Scott County FCM (DCS)
Maribeth Oliver, Clark County FCM (DCS)
Kelly Shelhamer, Scott County CASA

Others in attendance

Sarah Ash, ChildPlace
Molly Barnes, ASI Community Wellness
Steven Cabezas, Youth Link So. In.
Debbie Dailey, Regional Finance Manager (DCS)
Shannon J. Emmett, Recording Secretary (DCS)
Julie Ensinger, Resource Treatment Center
Kendra Fiorucci, George Junior Republic
Timon Givan-Coots, NYAP
Kristi Glotzbach, The Family Ark
Andrea Goodwin, Omnivisions
Amanda Green, LifeSpring
Kati Guernsey, Centerstone\
Augie Jones, Floyd County Government
Briana Kays, Comfort House
Jason Nelson, Regional Services Coordinator (DCS)

Milena Olivas, Family Time
Krystal Pollard, Program Director (DCS)
Arynn Reece, Ireland Home Based Services-Community Partners
Paris Scott, Ireland Home Based Services-Community Partners
Karen Sommer, Ireland Home Based Services-Community Partners
Liz Stauth, Anthem
Misian Stewart, ASI Community Wellness
Gunnar Stiles, Youth Villages
Julia Striegel, Unknown Provider
Susan Weddle, Lifeline
Guest (Unknown)

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. Mark Barry made a motion, seconded by Jessica Lewis, to approve the minutes as read from the July 2024 meeting. All were in favor, motion carried.

- II. **Budget Report** Debbie Dailey, Regional Finance Manager, gave a summary of the 2025 SFY budget for Region 18. Through September 2024, the budget was 25% and the region spent 22.5%. State budgets are biennial so the request for SFY 24 and SFY 25 budgets were approved in the Spring of 2023. DCS allocations are based on current spend and the number of children served. At the beginning of the previous budget year, the region was averaging 862 children. At the beginning of the current budget year, the region was averaging 813 children, and by the end of September the region was averaging 780 children.

When comparing September 2023 with current spend, the region has seen a 16% decrease in residential expenses. The region went from 37 children in September 2023 to 28 children in residential care a few weeks ago. There was also a 28% decrease in foster care and LCPA costs. When looking at how the region has been serving children, 43% were in In-Home CHINS or Informal Adjustments. If you add in relative care placements 75% of the 780 children served were in the most family-like setting, meaning only 25% of the children were in foster care and/or residential care compared to 37% last year.

- III. **Programs and Services** Jason Nelson, Regional Services Coordinator, shared an update on the RFP for Community-Based Services that is currently open. Providers can find this on the DCS website www.in.gov/dcs by selecting *Menu* on the left, then *Current Requests for Proposals* in the drop down box. Every bidder must have equal access while an RFP is open therefore the only information Jason and other DCS staff will be able to give providers is to go to the website to review information there. The deadline for all proposals is December 11th.

There is a new Intensive Foster Care Service program coming soon. This program is a different approach to giving resources to foster care and relative placements of children with the hope to better meet these children's needs. The service will look a little different based on which provider is working with the family and be more like a specialized services contract where the provider tells DCS what services they offer and DCS decides which provider makes the most sense for the family. Five providers were identified for Region 18. There will hopefully be more information released on this new program at the start of the year in 2025.

- IV. **Community Partners** Arynne Reece, Director of Community Partners with Ireland Home Based Services (IHBS) presented the community partners report through September 2024. Reports included: breakdown of the number of referrals for each county referral source and service type, and a finance report on expenditures. The target budget spend through September was 17% and they spent 14.2%. There were 139 referrals received through September 2024. Currently have 44 open and active family referrals: 22 for Clark, 15 Floyd, 2 Harrison, 2 Scott, and 3 for Washington.

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

- V. **Presentation** Briana Kays with Comfort House Child Advocacy Center
- VI. **Other Business** Service Providers introduced themselves and gave updates on their programs.
- VII. **Adjourn** Tawana Jackson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mark Barry, all were in favor and meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

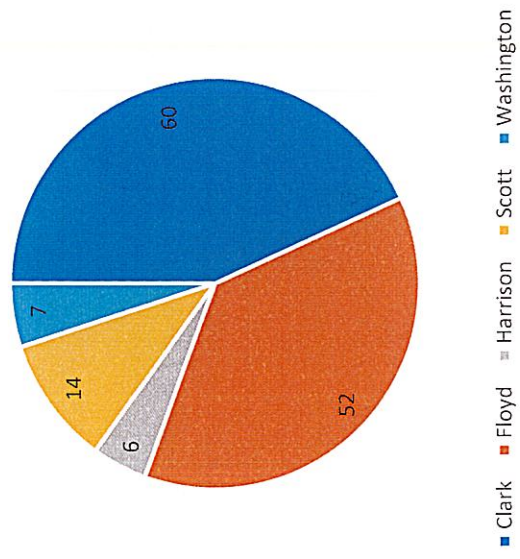


Referrals Received 2024-2025

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Clark	15	20	25										60
Floyd	10	20	22										52
Harrison	2	2	2										6
Scott	5	5	4										14
Washington	2	0	5										7
Total:	34	47	58										139
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
Fiscal Year 2023-2024	35	76	57	65	65	69	58	50	54	51	58	36	674

Referrals Received 2024-2025

Referrals Received



Clark:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Clarksville Elementary	0	1	0										1
DCS	9	10	17										36
Fairmont Elementary	0	0	1										1
Head Start	1	0	2										3
Juvenile Probation	0	1	0										1
NAFCS	0	1	0										1
Self	5	5	5										15
Silver Creek Primary School	0	1	0										1
Wellstone Regional Hospital	0	1	0										1
Total:	15	20	25										60

Sources of self-referrals:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
211	0	1	1										2
DCS	1	1	0										2
Facebook	0	1	0										1
Clark Co FRC	0	0	2										2
Family/Friend	1	0	0										1
New Hope Services	0	1	0										1
Previous Client	3	1	1										5
Unknown School	0	0	1										1
Total:	5	5	5										15

Floyd:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
DCS	5	7	7										19
Fairmont Elementary	0	1	1										2
Green Valley Elementary School	0	1	0										1
Head Start	0	1	0										1
Mt Tabor Elementary	0	0	2										2
NAFCS	0	7	5										12
New Albany High School	0	1	0										1
Self	5	2	7										14
Total:	10	20	21										51

Sources of self-referrals:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Clark Co FRC	0	0	1										1
DCS	3	0	0										3
Family/Friend	0	0	2										2
First Steps	0	1	0										1
Juvenile Probation	0	0	1										1
Previous Client	2	1	3										6
Total:	5	2	7										14

Harrison:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
DCS	2	1	2										5
Self	0	1	0										1
Total:	2	2	2										6

Sources of self-referrals:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
DCS	0	0	0										0
Family/Friend	0	1	0										1
Total:	0	1	0										1

Scott:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Ascension At Home Health	0	1	0										1
Creative Spirit Counseling	0	1	0										1
DCS	3	2	3										8
Self	2	1	0										3
UofL Health – Peace Hospital	0	0	1										1
Total:	5	5	4										14

Sources of self-referrals:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Community Partners Brochure	0	1	0										1
DCS	1	0	0										1
Family/Friend	0	0	0										0
Online Search	1	0	0										1
Previous Client	0	0	0										0
Total:	2	1	0										3

Washington:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
DCS	0	0	0										0
East Washington Elementary	0	0	1										1
Outside the Walls	1	0	0										1
PACT DV Shelter	1	0	0										1
RBR Alliance	0	0	1										1
Self	0	0	1										1
West Washington Elementary	0	0	2										2
Total:	2	0	5										7

Sources of self-referrals:

	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Online Search	0	0	1										1
Previous Client	0	0	0										0
Total:	0	0	1										1

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 %
Jul-24	\$ 38,255.59	\$ 410.00	\$ 38,665.59		6.4%	8.0%
Aug-24	\$ 47,206.88	\$ 30.00	\$ 47,236.88		14.2%	17.0%
Sep-24			\$ -			25.0%
Oct-24			\$ -			33.0%
Nov-24			\$ -			42.0%
Dec-24			\$ -			50.0%
Jan-25			\$ -			58.0%
Feb-25			\$ -			66.0%
Mar-25			\$ -			74.0%
Apr-25			\$ -			83.0%
May-25			\$ -			91.0%
Jun-25			\$ -			100.0%
Total	\$ 85,462.47	\$ 440.00	\$ 85,902.47	\$ 521,118.86		

Updated 10/1/2024



**Ireland Home Based Services
Community Partner for Child Safety
October 1, 2024**

As of October 1, 2024, a total of 139 referrals had been received since July 1, 2024. A home-based caseworker (HBCW) was assigned to all 139 cases.

There are 44 levels currently being serviced through Community Partners for Child Safety to assist 44 families.

Region 18 received a total of 34 referrals during the month of July. Of these referrals, 15 cases came from Clark County, 10 from Floyd County, 2 from Harrison County, 5 from Scott County, and 2 from Washington County.

Region 18 received a total of 47 referrals during the month of August. Of these referrals, 20 cases came from Clark County, 20 from Floyd County, 2 from Harrison County, 5 from Scott County, and 0 from Washington County.

Region 18 received a total of 58 referrals during the month of September. Of these referrals, 25 cases came from Clark County, 22 from Floyd County, 2 from Harrison County, 4 from Scott County, and 5 from Washington County.

July 2024

County	Referrals	Referral Source
Clark	15	DCS (9) School (1) Self (5)
Floyd	10	DCS (5) Self (5)
Harrison	2	DCS (2)
Scott	5	DCS (3) Self (2)
Washington	2	Other (2)
Total	34	

August 2024

County	Referrals	Referral Source
Clark	20	DCS (10) Other (2) School (3) Self (5)
Floyd	20	DCS (7) School (11) Self (2)
Harrison	2	DCS (1) Self (1)
Scott	5	DCS (2) Other (2) Self (1)
Washington	0	
Total	47	

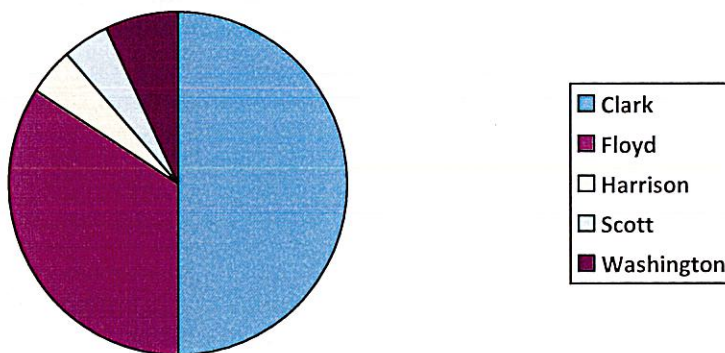
September 2024

County	Referrals	Referral Source
Clark	25	DCS (17) School (3) Self (5)
Floyd	22	DCS (7) School (8) Self (7)
Harrison	2	DCS (2)
Scott	4	DCS (3) Other (1)
Washington	5	Other (1) School (3) Self (1)
Total	58	

Current Open Referrals

County	Referrals	Percentages (%)	Service Level
Clark	22	50%	HBCW (22)
Floyd	15	34%	HBCW (15)
Harrison	2	5%	HBCW (2)
Scott	2	5%	HBCW (2)
Washington	3	6%	HBCW (3)
Total	44	100%	

Current Open Referrals



Success Story

A family was referred by a local elementary school to community partners. The family consisted of a single mom and three children. The family was struggling with bed bugs and needed help with treating their home. IHBS assisted with contacting Black Diamond to get an estimate of what treatment of the home would cost, and they determined it was \$765 to treat the bed bugs. Financial assistance for bed bug treatment is not something we could find a local agency to assist with. The IHBS worker was able to help communicate the need and plan with the school; together the school and IHBS were able to help split the cost of this initial treatment to ensure the family would not continue to have this issue. The family is now working on prepping their home so they can get the treatment of their home and be bed bug free!