

Forest County Potawatomi Community TANF - ICW Collaboration Project



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TANF ICW Coordination Project

Purpose

Demonstrate models of effective coordination by tribal governments of Tribal TANF and Child Welfare services

To evaluate and document the processes and outcomes of this coordination.

Must be used for one or more of the following objectives:

1. Improve case management for families eligible for assistance from TANF
2. For supportive services & assistance to tribal children in out-of-home placement and the tribal families caring for children.
3. For prevention services and assistance to tribal families at risk of child abuse and neglect.

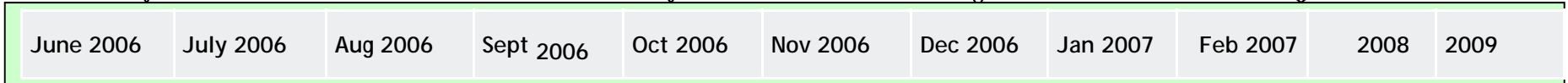
FC Potawatomi Family Resource Planning

Planning/assessment of TANF/ICW Coordination grant. Mail grant info to ACF.
-get admin approval, ltrs of support from tribal and outside community.

Obtain grant
-Hire coordinator w/Board.
-make sure office and area is set up.
-order equipment and resources for facility

Hire family visitor
-board & coordinator think of cultural name for center w/language dpt.

Proposed date of Grand opening of facility



Find other parenting curriculum from other tribes and review needs assessment

Select advisory board for project have mtg ICW and TANF

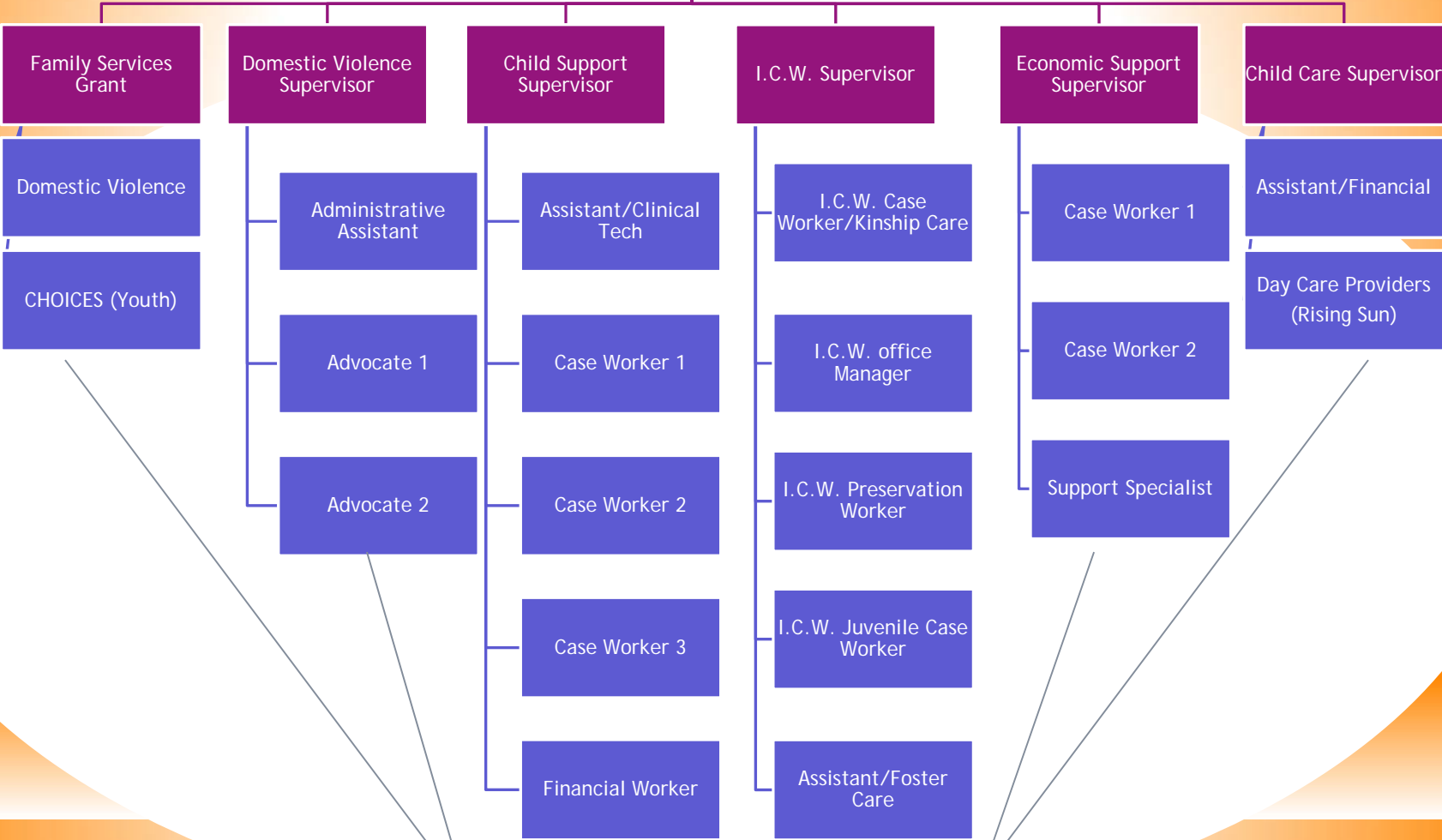
Don't Obtain Grant
-still work on assessment & parenting curriculum
-find other resources to continue on with project plan for allow extra time to gather info and resources

-see if community has any play equipment they can donate.

2-3 yrs down road part of extension to add positive mentoring program for youth.
-strengthening family program for youth
-Collaborate w/ youth providers to provide more resources for them.

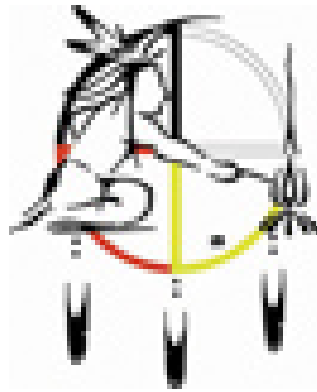
Executive Council

Administration/FCP
Family Services
Director Rick Alloway



Family Resource Center

Forest County Potawatomi Family Resource Center



The Forest County Potawatomi Community Family Resource Center (FRC) offers an array of services in its coordination of Tribal TANF and Child Welfare Services grant. The FRC represents a collaborative effort to increase the participation of Tribal members in programs that emphasize family togetherness. FRC'S main goals are to provide holistic services to families involved in mandatory TANF/ICW programming and to reduce the number of families-at-risk of entering these programs.

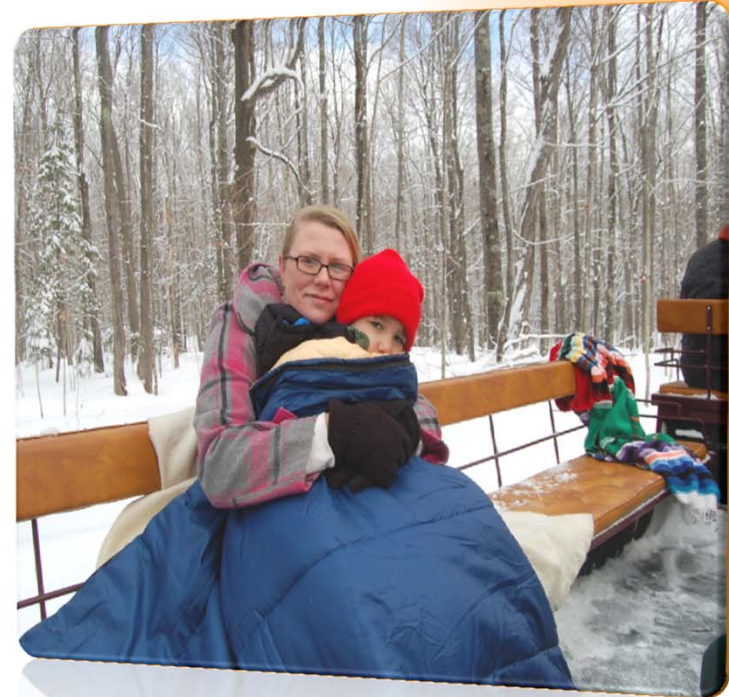
Kerry A. Fox, FCP FRC Coordinator

Family Services Team (FST) is a partnership that serves as a bridge to strengthen and build foundations for families through unified services by sharing and exchanging data Collection resources and reporting mechanisms while ensuring and preserving Forest County Potawatomi culture.



Play Shoppe is an opportunity for children to learn valuable developmental and Social interaction skills, and a time for parents to nurture that special bond “participating” in activities with their children.

- * Music Garden
- * Physical Activities
- * Read With Me
- * Messy Play/Craft Time



Play Shoppe

“Thank You for everything you did for me and my son. You really teach and lead a great program and were such a joy to be around and my son loved it as well” ~participant~

Early experiences with Music Garden and Movement can have a positive impact on a child's language development, which also have a positive impact on school readiness

Baby bumble bee



Music Garden

The gym is set up as an obstacle course

- Preschool children are developing their basic gross motor skills. This will assist in developing muscles, develop coordination, help motor planning and the benefits from opportunities to practice these skills before they attend Head Start
- Great time to develop the ability to play with other children in a social setting



Physical Activity



Little Miss
Muffet



Read with Me

Promoting Literacy ~ Parenting Future Readers



Messy Time/Craft Time



Play Shoppe Themes



This Curriculum and Training evolved from the Native Wellness Institute and combines Traditional teachings and contemporary issues. It encourages balance in mind, body, and spirit by creating and strengthening healthier relationships with partners, families, and communities.



Healthy Relationships

Nurturing Father's Program

It is a 13 week fathering training course designed to teach parenting and nurturing skills to men. It is structured to provide fathers with experiences that allow the self new cognitive (thinking) and affective (feeling) responses, thus providing the opportunity to change parenting attitudes and behaviors.



Remember: "you're the first man your daughter will ever love and you're the example your son will remember for rest of their lives."

The PIP curriculum is a model training program that is presented in manual form and draws on the cultural strengths of Native child rearing. The curriculum is endorsed by the Native Indian Child Welfare Association.



Positive Indian Parenting

Life Skills

- Life Skills groups are held weekly for adult Tribal community members interested in learning how to overcome everyday challenges. The group features from presenters from the community.
- Classes encourage healthy behaviors and encompass issues such as nutrition, budgeting, homecare, job readiness, child development, Foster Care, and communication & family relationships.
- Recently, Zumba is offered. Zumba is a Latin-inspired dance-fitness that covers a range of dance styles: mambo, cumbia, merengue, cha-cha and, sometimes belly dancing and hip hop!



Beside our regular programming we collaborate with other FCP Departments and offer:

- * Family fun Day
- * Sledding parties
- * Back-to-school fair
- * Community Christmas party
- * Youth Conference



Other activities

Visitation

Visitation is offered for Indian Child Welfare reunification. Supervised visits are performed by the Family Resource Center staff. Documentation is forwarded to appropriate program supervisor.

*Program Staff

- * Richard Alloway-Family Services Executive Director
- * Kerry Fox - Family Service Coordinator
- * Flora Tracy- Program Aide/Child Care Teacher
- * Joe Chaney-Choices Worker
- * Christie Schmidt-Project Coordinator for Grant.

Any Questions?

Migwetch for your attention!!!