

FAMILY CENTERED CASE MANAGEMENT: A TWO GENERATION APPROACH TO SERVING FAMILIES



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- WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT (TANF and WIOA)
- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY SERVICES DIVISION (TANF, SNAP, MEDICAID, CHILD CARE)
- UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE
- OFFICE OF CHILD CARE
- REFUGEE SERVICES
- HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## TWO-GENERATION APPROACH -Combatting Intergenerational Poverty (IGP)



- 2012 TANF caseloads decline as Utah unemployment rates decrease and Utah begins to recover from the nationwide recession
- 2012 Utah Legislature passed the Intergenerational Poverty Mitigation Act
  - Requires multiple state agencies to work together as the Intergenerational Welfare Reform Commission
  - State agencies must gather data around intergenerational poverty families
  - DWS compiles a yearly report around the data
    - Intergenerational Poverty Reports
- 2013 and 2014 IGP data shows that we must focus on the whole family, not just parents, by building adult capacities and focusing on key areas
- 2014 Next Generation Kids was created as a two generation approach. TANF Grants Awarded to Community Programs to provide services to families that help lead to employment.
- 2014 and On-Going Family Centered Case Management was introduced and is now being implemented in phases

## OVERARCHING GOAL

Primary Goal For Combatting Intergenerational Poverty -

Measurably reduce the incidence of children in Utah who remain in the cycle of poverty and welfare dependency as they become adults.

- IGP 5 and 10 year plan

# FAMILY CENTERED CASE MANAGEMENT

- Empowerment
  - Strengths based approach family is at the center
  - Build trusting relationships changing the conversation
- •Full Family Assessment and Family Plan
  - Work With Both Parents And Children Simultaneously
- Intensive Team Approach
  - Coaches
  - Licensed Clinical Therapist
- Small Caseloads
- On-going Case Management provide follow up even after exit
- Collaboration With Community Partners and Other State Agencies

### FOUR KEY AREAS - BENCHMARKS

### EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

- ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE BEGINNING IN INFANCY
- ACCESS TO QUALITY CHILD CARE
- PRESCHOOL PARTICIPATION
- KINDERGARTEN READINESS

#### **EDUCATION**

- KINDERGARTEN PARTICIPATION
- CHRONIC ABSENCE RATES
- THIRD GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS PROFICIENCY
- EIGHTH GRADE MATH PROFICIENCY
- AP PARTICIPATION
- ACT SCORES
- GRADUATION RATES
- JUVENILE JUSTICE RATES

### FAMILY ECONOMIC STABILITY

- ADULT EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT
- ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT
- WAGES
- HOUSING

#### **HEALTH**

- ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE INCLUDING PHYSICAL, BEHAVIORAL, AND DENTAL HEALTH
- RATES OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT
- PARTICIAPTION
   IN NUTRITION
   PROGRAMS

## "NEXT GENERATION KIDS"

Family Success Coach

Family Focused Plan

Early Childhood Development

**Education** 

Health



Family Economic Stability Joint Case
Management

**Community Engagement** 

#### NEXT GENERATION KIDS OUTCOME MEASURES

| Parent Outcomes  |
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| Number of parents in full-time employment                                  |
| Number of parents in part-time employment                                  |
| Number of parents participating in High School/GED completion              |
| Number of parents who have obtained High School Diploma or GED during NGK  |
| Number of parents participating in full-time training                      |
| Number of parents participating in part-time training                      |
| Number of parents who have completed advanced training during NGK          |
| Number of NGK parents who obtained SSI/SSDI during NGK                     |
| Children Outcomes  |
| Number of children enrolled and attending preschool during NGK             |
| Number of children enrolled and attending after–school programs during NGK |
| Number of children referred to United Way's Welcome Baby Program           |
| Family Outcomes  |
| Number of families who obtained stable housing during NGK                  |
| Number of families with current DCFS involvement                           |

## WHAT WE'VE LEARNED...



- Parents Participation Increases When Their Children Are Stable
- Children Are Motivated To Do Well In School When They See Their Parents Making Progress
- It's Important To Know The Data, Identify Gaps, And Where To Find The Data You Need
- A Comprehensive Family Assessment Must Be Completed
- It Is Important To Address The Needs Of The Whole Family Including Children It Creates A Natural Collaboration Between Schools, Parents, And Children
- Collaborating With Community Partners Is Essential
- Strong Partnership With School District And Staff Is A Necessity Outcome Measures Are Dependent On The Data That Is Housed Within The School System.
- Extensive And Ongoing Training Of Staff Is Critical
- •Working With Families And Community Partners Takes Time
- You Can Make Changes Right Now!

# UTAH'S INTERGENERATIONAL POVERTY REPORTS

http://jobs.utah.gov/edo/intergenerational/index.html