



FY18 Clay County Collaborative Program Data July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Children's Mental Health Work Group:

- **Family Case Management at Churches United for the Homeless:** (waiting on final report)
 - Budget: \$12,690 for partial support of case manager who works specifically with families living in the shelter to move towards self-sufficiency while connecting them with services the child/family needs.
 - **Number of children served: 183** **Number of families served: 82**
 - The Family Case Manager is utilizing the CARES Prioritization Process regularly to ensure that client's housing needs are being served efficiently.
 - Children's programming is coordinated by the Family Case Manager in partnership with local colleges, TNT, and the YMCA.
 - Securing stable housing and jobs are the most critical barriers homeless families face in moving towards independence.
 - Strong community partnerships include schools, Head Start, Social Services, Lakes and Prairies Community Action, Clay County HRA and more.
- **Family Advocate at REACH:**
 - Budget: \$18,000 for partial support for a family advocate that works directly with families to assist them with obtaining services needed including the food pantry, school supplies, flex scholarships for activities, and the backpack food program provided by the agency.
 - **Number of children served: 355**
 - Transportation continues to be a barrier to some families in the rural communities receiving the services they need to have their basic needs met. REACH has gas cards available for clients using counseling services to assist in covering costs to travel to their appointments.
 - The agency is seeing clients move to the rural communities who do not have any formal connections to their community or know what supportive services are available. The continue to provide outreach by meeting with partners, keeping local businesses and organizations up to date of the services offered.
 - Assistance and referrals are provided to a family through a number of partnering agencies including Rape and Abuse Crisis Center; Summit Guidance Center, Valley Christian Counseling, food backpack program and Dress for Success.
- **Follow Along Program** at Clay County Public Health: An early identification process for four and five years old residing in the county. This voluntary program provides regular information and questionnaires to parents. Parents complete and return the forms which are scored by nursing staff and sent on to referral sources as needed.
 - Budget: \$4650 Collaborative funds
 - **Number of children served: 390**
 - Children identified who need further assessment are referred to Children's Consultation Network, their Pediatrician and/or Early Intervention Services: 25
 - Number of referrals for further assessment vary by type of questionnaire (ASQ; ASQ-SE: 8
 - Public Health Nurses collaborate with other agencies and primary care providers to reduce duplication of service by sharing questionnaires.
 - Barriers that are occasionally experiences are parents not completing the questionnaires, change of address of parents, and unable to contact parents by phone or mail if there is a concern noted.
 - Connecting families to appropriate services such as Early Intervention Service, Children's Consultation Network, and other Mental Health providers is the biggest need of the families they serve.

- **Flex Funds**
 - Budget: \$3000.00 Returned \$364 to general fund (approximate number)
 - Six Collaborative partner agencies and numerous parents made referrals to the program.
 - Thirty-one of the total children served were from the rural part of the county.
 - **Number of children served: 53**
 - Each child received up to \$75 for community activities including sports, pool passes, camp, dance, summer park activities and Summer Theater.
 - Thirty-five children were included in 15 family/individual pool passes; 16 participated in summer/school sports; 4 participated in community education programming; 2 children participated in dance; 7 participated in sport camps and 5 children participated in other community organizations programs.
- **Self-Group**
 - Budget \$1000 Returning \$500 to general fund
 - **One youth** attended the summer 2018 Self Group

Family Support Model Program: Total program budget: \$23,481 program funds. Returned \$8,671.65 to general fund

- Utilizes the Wraparound Process to develop an individualized plan of care for children and families with complex needs. The plan is coordinated among providers and is child centered, family focused.
- The program is hosted by The Village Family Service Center who employs a half time facilitator for the program.
- **Number of families served: 30**
- This program experienced a turnover in facilitator in October - December

Restorative Justice Program: Total Collaborative portion of the budget: \$17,330

- Goal of the program is to reduce the number of youths entering or re-entering the criminal justice system by offering opportunities for offenders to be involved in a restorative justice process.
- The program uses Collaborative funds to leverage outside grant funds and support from the Clay County Attorney's office/County Board.
- **The program served 153 youth** during this fiscal year through Accountability Circles, Accountability Conference or Listen and Learn Curriculum.
- The program went through a change in program coordinator which resulted in a transition period which the Clay County Attorney's office used to reevaluate the program. During the process they worked with Lutheran Social Services of North Dakota and have implemented the Victim Impact: Listen and Learn curriculum, developed by the Office of Victims of Crime. This course is geared towards helping youth become more aware of the impact crime has on a victim and to take responsibility for their actions and begin to make amends.
- Recidivism rates are low for those participating in the program

Reentry Services Program: Total Collaborative portion of the budget: \$31,074 Returned \$1948.47

- Goal of the program is to decrease contact with the Juvenile Justice System by improving strengths and reducing risk and needs of juvenile offender's transitioning from out of home placement/residential programming to their home communities.
- Youth transitioning back in to the community from foster placements, residential programs, and correction are assigned a Transitional Coordinator who provides intensive cases management.
- The Transitional Coordinator works closely with the youth to determine needs, risks, strengths and to identify goals that move the youth towards improved mental health and improved community functioning.
- Due to a not receiving a grant, the program ended in October of 2017.
- **Number of youth served: 7**
- Recidivism fluctuates throughout the year with many success stories. Referrals are made to other outside agencies when needed. Case plans with measurable goals are developed with each of the youth they serve with an overarching goal of reducing recidivism, maintaining placement within the county, success in school and employment.

Truancy Intervention Program: Collaborative funds: \$54,322.50

- **Number of children served: 1534 Break down of schools: Barnesville – 15 students; DGF 110 students; Hawley 13 students; Moorhead -1396 Ulen Hitterdal has chosen to run their own truancy program**
 - 1242 written letters were sent out; 2940 phone calls made; 115 contacts with families; 1298 meetings with students; 223 number of face-to-face meetings with parents; 191 Home visits
 - 58 cases were referred to Clay County Social Services because of truancy issues and/or excessive absenteeism due to illness.
 - Referrals were made for in home services, Check and Connect, Social Services, and other services including 8 families referred to The Village Family Service Center for In-Home Services
 - Biggest need for families is further education on the importance of regular school attendance
 - Barrier the program experiences is not enough staff.
- **Afterschool Programming for rural schools** Total program budget: \$13,400
 - **Number of children served: Hawley – 47students; Barnesville – 39 students; Ulen Hitterdal -43 students** (waiting on report from Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton district)
 - After school programming provides an opportunity for school staff to work with at risk students to improve their academic success and school attendance.

School Based Mental Health Services: Collaborative funds: \$20,000 (waiting on final expenditure report)

- Number served: Ulen Hitterdal: 28 (waiting on final report from Summit Guidance) Hawley: 37
- Barnesville: estimating 29 (waiting on final report from Lakeland Mental Health)
- Provided mental health services to students who had no insurance or were underinsured.
- Identified students in the Hawley school district received individual counseling by The Village Family Service Center mental health staff.
- Identified students in the Barnesville School district received skill-based intervention under the Children's Therapeutic Services and Supports (CTSS) by Lakeland Mental Health mental health staff.
- The Ulen Hitterdal school district contracts with Summit Guidance for the mental health services provided at their school. The Collaborative provided support funds to serve uninsured students.

School Age Disability Group: Collaborative funds \$1,000.00 Returned \$903.00 to general fund.

- Funds were used to purchase a book for discussion of doing a book discussion group
- Funds were used to pay for the Survey Monkey that the Collaborative and it's partnering groups.

Substance Abuse Work Group: Collaborative funds: \$2,407 Returned to general fund: \$2,407

- This work group had issues with member attending and finding a focus.
- This work group no longer meets. Substance Abuse work in the county continues through Collaborative partners and Coordinator's participation in Mayor Blue Ribbon and MState Living Well Coalition.
- Hawley Public School District/REACH are in the third year of a four-year Prevention and Intervention Grant.

Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs): Collaborative funds: \$3,000 Returning \$2,730 to general fund

- MN Department of Human Services have assigned the dissemination of information on ACEs and the challenges for youth because of ACEs. Trauma and Resilience work needs to be intertwined with the work of the Collaborative
- Activities this year included a "Thank You" booth at the annual Kidsfest event which over 600 children and their families attend.
- Held a train the presenter cohort event in November. Eighteen community members and agency representatives attended the training. Currently, there are 11 trained presenters in Clay County.
- West Central Initiative and the Clay County Early Childhood Initiative provided funds for cohort training.

