OKLAHOMA COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH

2012 Community Partnership Board
Systemic Issues Survey Summary

In order to develop the FY2013 – FY2016 Oklahoma State Plan for Services to Children and Youth, the Office of Planning and Coordination requested feedback from Community Partnership Boards (§10-601.9). The feedback was gathered through a Systemic Issues Survey process (see Appendix A). The survey was used to assess if the previously identified systemic issues are still considered a priority and to identify other possible systemic issues. Of the 51 Community Partnership Boards, 36 boards (70.6%) participated in the 2012 Systemic Issues Survey (see Appendix B).

In past years, communities and affected entities identified the following Systemic Issues as priorities:
1. Deficiencies in custody services which support successful re-integration, transitioning, and reduction of recidivism, provided to youth in custody; and
2. Barriers to healthcare services that impede access and utilization of primary and preventative care services, which include behavioral and mental health care.

1. *Deficiencies in Custody and Transition Services*

Of the 36 participating Community Partnership Boards, 94.4% agreed that *Deficiencies in Custody and Transition Services* is a major Systemic Issue in their community. A majority of the Boards identified the following as their top priority issues:
   a) *Lack of coordinated community transition services for youth transitioning out of custody*, and
   b) *Need to increase services for successful reintegration of OJA custody youth, such as rehabilitation services*.

The following is a summary of those responses.

Do you see deficiencies in custody and transition services as a major Systemic Issue? N = 36		
Responses	**Number of Responses**	**Percent of Responses**
Yes	**34**	**94.4%**
No	2	5.6%

Systemic Issues	Number of Responses	Percent of Responses
Lack of coordinated community transition services for youth transitioning out of custody	22	61.1%
Need to increase services for successful reintegration of OJA custody youth, such as rehabilitation services (vocational and behavioral health services)	21	58.3%
Delays in permanency placement for children and youth in DHS custody	9	25%
Other: Life skills training to prepare transitioning youth for adulthood	1	2.8%
Other: Individual services and resources (referrals) are available for OJA youth, but not for families and their support systems	1	2.8%
Other: There is resistance among families to communicate with other agencies due to a fear of invasion of privacy and distrust of the system or of agency individuals	1	2.8%
Other: Lack of transition services for children no matter their custody is a major issue, such as issues faced by those in poverty or of low income during transition	1	2.8%
Other: Services for parents of custody children	1	2.8%

2. Barriers to Healthcare Services

All of the Community Partnership Boards who participated agreed that *Barriers to Healthcare Services* is a major Systemic Issue in their community. A majority of the Boards identified the following as their top priority issues:
   a) *Lack of substance abuse services*, and
   b) *Lack of services for under/uninsured persons*.

The following is a summary of those responses.

Do you see barriers to healthcare services as a major Systemic Issue? N = 36		
Response	Number of Responses	Percent of Responses
Yes	36	100%
No	0	0

Systemic Issues	Number of Responses	Percent of Responses
Lack of substance abuse services	25	69.4%
Lack of services for under/uninsured persons	20	55.6%
Lack of mental health and behavioral health services	17	47.2%

Lack of primary care physicians	3	8.3%
*Other :*Transportation services	2	5.6%
Other : Local specialists	1	2.8%
Other : Lack of availability and retention of health care providers from all areas of health including mental, behavioral, substance abuse, primary care and specialists	1	2.8%
Other : Parent follow through	1	2.8%

3. Other High Priority Social Problems for Consideration

Community Partnership Boards were also asked to identify other social problems they considered a priority in their community.

The Community Partnership Boards rated the following as their top three highest social problems:
   a) *Poor parenting*,
   b) *High teen pregnancy*, and
   c) *High child abuse.*

The following is a summary of those responses.

Top three highest rated Social Problems in the community N = 36		
Social Problems	**Number of Responses**	**Percent of Responses**
Poor parenting	33	91.7%
High teen pregnancy	20	55.6%
High child abuse	19	52.8%
Lack of employment opportunities	14	38.9%
Other: Substance Abuse Issues	7	19.4%
Poor high school graduation rates	6	16.7%
Lack of early childhood services	4	11.1%
Lack of adult education opportunities	1	2.8%

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Do you see deficiencies in custody and transition services as a major Systemic Issue? ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
Please check your top two issues: ☐ *Delays in permanency placement for children and youth in DHS custody*   ☐ *Lack of coordinated community transition services for youth transitioning out of custody*   ☐ *Need to increase services for successful reintegration of OJA custody youth such as, rehabilitation services (vocational and behavioral health services)*   ☐ *Other (Specify): _____*
Comments:
Do you see barriers to healthcare services as a major Systemic Issue?   ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No**
Please check your top two issues: ☐ *Lack of mental health and behavioral health services*   ☐ *Lack of substance abuse services*   ☐ *Lack of services for under/uninsured persons*   ☐ *Lack of primary care physicians*   ☐ *Other (Specify): _____*
Comments:
Please rate the following social problems in your community? (1= highest, 7= lowest)
☐ *High teen pregnancy rate*   ☐ *Poor parenting*   ☐ *High child abuse*   ☐ *Lack of adult education opportunities*   ☐ *Poor high school graduation rates*   ☐ *Lack of early childhood services*   ☐ *Lack of employment opportunities*   ☐ *Other (Specify): _____*
Comments:

Participating Community Partnership Boards

Of the 51 Community Partnership Boards, 36 participated in the 2012 Systemic Issues Survey. The following is a list of those boards and the counties they serve.

Community Partnership Board	Counties Covered
Community Partners of Adair/Cherokee Counties	Adair, Cherokee
OUR Turning Point Coalition	Beckham
Bryan County Turning Point	Bryan
Caddo County Interagency Coalition	Caddo
Carter County Turning Point	Carter
Craig County Resource Board	Craig
Creek County Community Partnership Board	Creek
Delaware County Community Partnership	Delaware
Youth Opportunity Taskforce	Garfield
Harper County Turning Point	Harper
Haskell County Coalition	Haskell
Hughes County Turning Point	Hughes
Tishomingo Development Team	Johnston
Success by Six Childhood Planning Council	Kay
Kingfisher Community Collaborative, Inc.	Kingfisher
Kiowa County Community Coalition	Kiowa
Logan County Partnership	Logan
Sooner Success Major County Coalition	Major
Mayes County HOPE Coalition	Mayes
Community Alliance of Resources for Everyone (CARE)	McClain, Garvin
McIntosh County Coalition for a Healthy Community	McIntosh
Muskogee Youth Coalition	Muskogee
Nowata County Resource Council	Nowata
Friends of 10th Street	Oklahoma
Partnership for Ottawa County Youth	Ottawa
Osage County Community Partnership Board	Osage
Okfuskee County Community Partnership Board	Okfuskee
Okmulgee County Resource Coalition	Okmulgee
Local Services Coalition	Pittsburg
Pontotoc County Systems of Care and Turning Point Coalition	Pontotoc
Shawnee Asset Building Alliance (SABA)	Pottawatomie
Southwest Oklahoma Workforce Investment Area Youth Council	Roger Mills, Beckham, Geer, Harmon, Kiowa
Rogers County Coalition	Rogers
Great Beginnings Advisory Board	Seminole
Community Partnership Board for Services to Children and Youth	Texas
Woodward Area Coalition	Woodward