

CFSR Plan Final Certification for 2014 - County Dutchess

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The 2014 County Child and Family Svcs. annual plan update has been approved. Letters from OCFS will be forthcoming.

**Appendix A for Dutchess County  
Plan Signature Page**

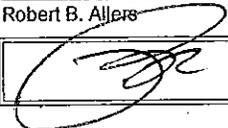
We hereby approve and submit the Child and Family Services Plan for Dutchess County Department of Social Services and Youth Bureau for the period of January 1, 2015, through December 31, 2015.  
We also attest to our commitment to maintain compliance with the Legal Assurances as outlined in Child and Family Services Plan Guidance Document.

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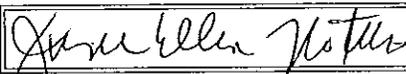
**Commissioner County Department of Social Services**

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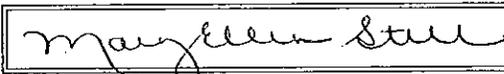
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I hereby approve and submit the PINS Diversion Service section of the Child and Family Services Plan for Dutchess County Probation Department for the period of show January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

**Director/Commissioner County Probation Department**

Type Name: Mary Ellen Still Date: 1/26/15

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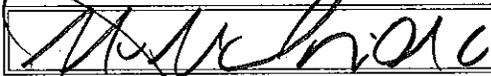
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Enclosed is the Child and Family Services Plan for Dutchess County. My signature below constitutes approval of this report.  
**Chief Elected Officer (or Chairperson of the legislative body if the county does not have a Chief Elected Officer).**

Type Name: Marcus J. Molinaro Date: 1/30/15

Signature: 

**WAIVER**

Complete and sign the following section if a waiver is being sought concerning the submission of Appendix I - Estimate of Clients to be served.

Dutchess county requests a waiver to 18 NYCRR 407.5(a)(3), which requests a numerical estimate of families, children, and adults requiring each service listed in Section 407.4 of this same Part. Therefore, Appendix I is not included in this Plan submission. I assert that the level of service need and utilization for the full array of services encompassed by the Child and Family Services Planning Process was taken into consideration as part of the Dutchess County Child and Family Services Planning Process.

**Commissioner County Department of Social Services**

## Child and Family Services Plan Program Narrative Appendix

Check If No Change in Section I

### Outcome Framework/Mission/Vision

If the district has one, please enter the district's outcome framework, mission, and/or vision.  
(If your district does not have this, leave this area blank.)

As part of our integrated county planning process for over the past ten years, the County has used the NYS Touchstones Framework to track countywide data, develop common outcome language among funders, increase knowledge about contracted services and government agencies' functions, and organize strategic planning efforts for the Department of Social Services, the Youth Bureau and, more recently, the Office of Probation and Community Corrections.

In 2013 the County restructured/realigned several Departments. The Department of Services for Aging, Veterans and Youth (SAVY) which had been created in 2011, was reorganized to better balance available resources with the unique needs of seniors, veterans and young people. The Division of Veterans Services is now affiliated with the Department of Health. The Division of Youth Services has become a separate division within the Department of Social Services. The entire department has been renamed the Department of Community and Family Services (DCFS) to reflect youth services as well as the overall department's focus on providing assistance leading to long-term independence and sustainability for individuals and families. The Division of Aging Services is once again a stand-alone department, known as Office for the Aging (OFA). Funded almost entirely by state and federal revenue streams, there are very specific requirements for the Office for the Aging to be an independent agency.

The Dutchess County Legislature also approved the restructuring in December by approving the 2013 County Budget. The County continues to maintain a Health & Human Services Cabinet under the leadership of the Director of the Office for Aging which continues as a working committee of Department Heads to address policy, efficiency and strategic planning issues for county human services in the Departments of Community and Family Services, Probation, Mental Hygiene, and Health with the Division Directors of Aging, Youth Services and Veterans. The Integrated County Planning (ICP) Workgroup functions as a sub-committee of the H&HS Cabinet and also involves Youth Board participation.

The ICP Workgroup supports the following vision for its work:

We in Dutchess County strongly value children, youth, and families. We envision a community environment that is safe, supporting, nurturing, healthy, and drug free. We seek to offer services that are accessible to all diverse groups and provide equal opportunities for education, career development, and personal growth. We hope that all children, youth and families can maximize their potential to make contributions to their communities and participate in its leadership.

The Department of Community and Family Services, Youth Services and the Office of Probation and Community Corrections missions support the above vision. The Department of Community and Family Services' mission is to meet the needs of the County's population, as provided by social services law, in a courteous, fair and efficient

manner with the aim of restoring each beneficiary to maximum independence by:

I. Providing assistance to eligible individuals and families while assisting clients to achieve their full potential.

A. Conduct thorough eligibility investigations;

B. Apply rules, regulations and local policies objectively, consistently and uniformly;

C. Provide clients with all of the benefits to which they are entitled;

D. Work cooperatively as divisions to meet the separate needs of clients while preserving the integrity of each individual;

E. Maintain professionalism in all contacts.

II. Develop and make available to families and individuals services that will strengthen the family unit, encourage stability in living arrangements, and provide for specialized care.

III. Provide protective services to children and adults at risk.

IV. Provide adequate information to the general public regarding our programs and services and maintain adequate knowledge of community services to act as a referral source.

The Youth Services' mission is to assure every youth a fair and equal opportunity to attain his/her full potential by providing and encouraging services which strengthen family life and by supporting families in their essential function of nurturing the youth's overall development. Similarly, Youth Services will encourage and assist communities to carry out their responsibilities to provide the important physical and social conditions necessary for the well-being and development of our youth in a fiscally responsible manner.

The Health & Human Services Cabinet serves as a high-level executive management team to: tackle problems affecting multiple Departments, conduct cross-system planning, share information on best practices, and develop strategies to maximize the County's resources. Through bi monthly meetings, the Cabinet provides an open forum for Commissioners and Directors to freely address issues and collaboratively plan for improvements in the County's health and human service system.

The ICP workgroup tasks include on-going needs assessment activities in support of the Department of Health's Health and Well-Being of Children, Families, and Adults in Dutchess County Select Data Indicators document (available at <http://www.co.dutchess.ny.us/CountyGov/Departments/Health!Publications/HDHealthWellBeingICPReport.pdf>), strategic planning and coordination of services in OCFS' continuum of care for children, youth and families also supports the Cabinet's outcomes.

Describe your district's demographic, economic, and social characteristics.

Dutchess County is in the heart of the Hudson Valley, midway between New York City and Albany and encompasses approximately 800 square miles of rural, agricultural, urban and suburban land uses. This spreadout requires cars to get almost anywhere. US Census estimates of population, demographic, economic characteristics, social characteristics and housing units for Dutchess County are summarized below and compared with New York State:

See Quick Facts Chart

Population - Between 2010 and 2013, the population decreased by 0.2%. Currently 11.8% of the population is foreign born with the majority arriving from Latin America. Much of the population increase observed in Dutchess County is due to international migration of documented individuals into the County. This influx is changing the face of Dutchess County. Among people at least five years old living in Dutchess County, 15.3% speak a language other than English at home (ACS 2009-2013). When considering cultural and economic challenges faced by immigrants, healthcare providers, and the County as a whole, it is important to remember that data regarding immigrants do not provide much information on undocumented immigrants.

Age and Gender- When examining changes in the population's age from 2010 to 2013, several trends are observed. The older population has increased, whereas the younger population 0-18 years has decreased.

Race -Dutchess County has less racial diversity than NYS, with 82.5% of the population as whites as opposed to NYS with 70.9% white. The Black population has increased from 9.3% in 2000, to 10.9% in 2013, The Asian population has increased during this time period from 2.5% in 2000 to 3.8% in 2013. The Hispanic population is also on the rise, increasing from 6.4% in 2000, to 11.3% in 2013. Minority populations in Dutchess County are centered primarily in the City of Poughkeepsie. The percentage of Blacks and Hispanic/Latinos in the City of Poughkeepsie

<b>People QuickFacts</b>	<b>Dutchess County</b>	<b>New York</b>
Population, 2013 estimate	296,916	19,651,127
Population, percent change, 4/1/10 to 7/1/13	-0.2%	1.4%
Population, 2010	297,488	19,378,102
Persons under 5 years old, percent, 2013	4.7%	6.0%
Persons under 18 years old, percent, 2013	20.5%	21.6%
Persons 65 years old and over, percent, 2013	15.1%	14.4%
Female persons, percent, 2013	50.3%	51.5%
White alone, percent, 2013 (a)	82.5%	70.9%
Black or African American alone, percent, 2013 (a)	10.9%	17.5%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent, 2013 (a)	0.5%	1.0%
Asian alone, percent 2013 (a)	3.8%	8.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, 2013 (a)	0.1%	0.1%
Two or more races, percent 2013	2.3%	2.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin, percent 2013 (b)	11.3%	18.4%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent 2013	73.3%	57.2%
Living in same house 1 year and over, percent 2009-2013	88.0%	88.8%
Foreign born persons, percent, 2009-2013	11.8%	22.1%
Language other than English spoken at home, per age 5+, 2009-2013	15.3%	29.9%
High school graduate or higher percent of persons age 25+, 2009-2013	89.6%	85.2%
Bachelor's degree or higher, per of persons age 25+, 2009-2013	32.9%	33.2%
Veterans, 2009-2013	18,958	912,499
Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16+, 2009-2013	31.2	31.6
Housing units, 2013	118,650	8,126,026
Homeownership rate, 2009-2013	69.6%	50.6%
Housing units in multi-unit structures, percent, 2009-2013	28.5%	50.5%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2009-2013	\$289,400	\$288,200
Households, 2009-2013	107,830	7,234,743
Persons per household, 2009-2013	2.59	2.61
Per capita money income in past 12 months (2013 dollars) 2009-2013	\$33,594	\$32,382
Median household income, 2009-2013	\$72,525	\$58,003
Persons below poverty level, percent, 2009-2013	9.0%	15.3%

<b>Business QuickFacts</b>	<b>Dutchess</b>	<b>New York</b>
Private nonfarm establishments, 2012	7,488	527,001 <sup>1</sup>
Private nonfarm employment, 2012	91,392	7,556,521 <sup>1</sup>
Private nonfarm employment, percent change	-1.4%	2.5% <sup>1</sup>
Non-employer establishments, 2012	20,470	1,612,106
Total number of firms, 2007	26,974	1,956,733
Black-owned firms, percent, 2007	5.1%	10.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native owned firms, percent,	F	0.7%
Asian-owned firms, percent, 2007	S	10.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander owned firms,	F	0.1%
Hispanic-owned firms, percent, 2007	S	9.9%
Women-owned firms, percent, 2007	32.3%	30.4%
Manufacturers shipments, 2007 (\$1000)	3,823,002	162,720,17
Merchant wholesaler sales, 2007 (\$1000)	982,323	313,461,90
Retail sales, 2007 (\$1000)	3,599,202	230,718,06
Retail sales per capita, 2007	\$12,334	\$11,879
Accommodation and food services sales, 2007 (\$1000)	424,664	39,813,499
Building permits, 2012	393	24,872

<b>Geography QuickFacts</b>	<b>Dutchess County</b>	<b>New York</b>
Land area, 2010 (square miles)	795.63	47,123.40
Persons per square mile	373.9	411.2

\*Includes data not distributed by county.

(a) Includes persons reporting only one race.

(b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories

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F: Fewer than 100 firms

Source: US Census Bureau State & County QuickFacts. Data derived from Population Estimates, American Community Survey, Census of Population and Housing, State and County Housing Unit Estimates, County Business Patterns, Non-employer Statistics, Economic Census, Survey of Business Owners, Building Permits,

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are 33.5%, and 19.5%, respectively compared to 10.9%, and 11.3%, respectively in Dutchess County (ACS 2013).

**Economic-** Dutchess County appears to be a prosperous community. The median household income is significantly higher than that of the rest of New York State, and the fraction of persons living below the poverty line is 9.0 %-significantly less than the 15.3% poverty rate experienced throughout the rest of the state. Some areas of the County, however, do not enjoy this level of affluence. The poverty rate in the County's primary urban center, Poughkeepsie, has reached 24.9 %. In addition, pockets of rural poverty dot the countryside, providing a study of contrasts between the stately affluence and generational poverty that are experienced in neighboring communities.

A presentation by The Rockefeller Institute of Government on the fiscal challenges facing state and local governments shows that although the revenue crisis is easing, fiscal crisis continues for state and local governments. The Institute's research shows key variables such as taxable personal income, taxable consumption and home values are far below peak, and "longer-term pressures loom even after the cycle is behind us." Dutchess County is no exception. Unemployment for November 2014 was 4.9%, down from one year ago, but still higher than the average annual employment rate of 4% for 2007 prior to the downturn. As the economic downturn lingers, DCFS continues to see a significant -demand for services. Food stamps and Medicaid caseloads are up over 2012 at this time, with total unduplicated DCFS caseloads up 67% from 2007 prior to the economic downturn. The County Clerk's Office reports a total of 1,396 foreclosures for the twelve months ending November 2014 showing a decline of 9.5% for the prior 12 month period.

According to data collected for the 2013/14 Annual Homeless Assessment Report, 1,353 persons were counted as experiencing homelessness in Dutchess County from October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014. This number does not include DCFS Motel Voucher beds or Domestic Violence program numbers. The 2014 Point in Time survey conducted in Dutchess County to assess the extent of homeless population identified 403 homeless individuals, showing essentially an 11% decrease from 2012. DCFS temporary shelter expenditures for 2014 were \$2,212,208, a slight increase from 2013. Throughout Dutchess County, new construction has, in recent years, centered predominantly on the development of single-family homes for middle or upper-middle class households. At the same time, there has been a significant increase in the median rents - studios by 7.4%, one-bedroom by 6.3%, two-bedroom by 10% and three-bedroom by 19%. As a result, working-class and impoverished persons are being squeezed out of both home ownership and viable rental housing.

**Social/Educational-** 89.6% of people 25 years and over have at least graduated from high school and 32.9% have a bachelor's degree or higher (ACS 2009-2013); 10.4% were dropouts; they were not enrolled in school and had not graduated from high school. The 2011-12 suspension rate of students for one full day or longer from public school varies in the County by school district with a high of 16 % for Poughkeepsie and Beacon at 14% to a low of 1% for Red Hook and 2% for Pawling and Rhinebeck (data.nysed.gov). School test scores for the County for 2014 show 31% students in grades 3-8 are proficient in English –a 1% drop, and 32% students are proficient in math – a 5% increase.

## Planning Process

Describe the district's planning process and how that consultation informed your district's needs assessment, priorities, and outcomes.

The Child and Family Services Planning process tasks are assigned to the ICP Workgroup. The DCFS Assistant to the Commissioner for Program Planning facilitates the ICP Workgroup meetings. The ICP Workgroup tasks include:

- Provision of oversight for Child and Family Services Plan development between DCFS, the Youth Services, and the Office of Community Probation and Corrections,
- Assistance in the identification of needs, outcomes, and strategies, Monitoring of the countywide data document,
- Monitoring the on-going needs assessment activities, and
- Analysis of the data.

Over the past fourteen years, the ICP Workgroup met at least quarterly focusing on current strategies, identification of emerging trends and possible new strategies for inclusion in the next CFS Plan. Meeting topics were:

- Child Protective Services, Foster Care and Adoption,
- Detention Issues,
- Runaway & Homeless Youth and Independent Living Needs, Adult Services and Domestic Violence,
- Child and Maternal Health,
- Children's Health needs, and
- Youth Development.

Members brought a range of professional expertise and their knowledge/involvement in other coalitions/committees that support our vision for Dutchess County. These committees include: DC Housing Consortium, Steering

Committee of the Domestic Violence Response Team, Interagency Task Force on Child Sexual Abuse, Criminal Justice Council, Juvenile Justice Committee, Enhanced Coordinated Children's Services Initiative, Children's Mental Health Providers, WIB Youth Council, Choices for Change, and DC Elder Abuse Task Force. Many of the ICP Workgroup members are responsible for writing various county plans that direct efforts and funding in regards to children, youth, and families. Current ICP Workgroup membership includes:

- DCFS, Deputy Commissioner, Assistant to Commissioner for Planning, Director of Children's Services Director of Adult Services,
- Youth Services, Director and DC Runaway and Homeless Coordinator,
- Dept. of Health, Health Education and Planning Director and Deputy Commissioner,
- Dept. of Mental Hygiene, Coordinator for Children and Youth Services,
- Probation and Community Corrections, Director and Deputy Director,
- Hudson River Housing, Support Services Grant Administrator,
- Astor Services for Children a& Families, Program Director of Home Based Service Coordination,
- Mental Health Association, Executive Director,
- Family Services, Vice President, and
- Council on Addiction Prevention Education, Executive Director.

The planning process also included the following:

1. Public Hearing on the Proposed Plan in accordance with Section 34-a 3(a) of the Social Services law, a Public Hearing on the Plan was held on September 9, 2011. It was advertised in the Poughkeepsie Journal on August 25, 2011. Twenty four persons attended the hearing.

2. Advisory Board for the Department of Community and Family Services-The Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Social Services meet at least quarterly with its 15 member Commissioner's Citizens Advisory Council. The Department's Director of Adult Services attends all meetings of the Council, consults with Council members on a regular basis and serves as the Department's liaison to the Council for the purpose of gathering input and suggestions for the Plan.

3. Youth Board- The County Executive restructured the Youth Board into the Youth Board and Coordinating Council in summer of 2014. Its mission will be to strengthen community and family interaction with our young people in an effort to prevent crime, improve quality of life, and empower young people to lead productive lives and achieve greater success for themselves and their families. The new Coordinating Council brings together representatives from government, not-for-profits, businesses, and educational institutions. The Council will examine community risk factors, study best practices from other communities, and develop strategies to better address the challenges confronting young people today. The Council will be advisory in nature, advising the County Legislature and Executive on youth policy through the Division of Youth Services located within the Department of Community & Family Services (DCFS). The Youth Board and Coordinating Council members and the County Executive's Office were kept informed of the on-going county planning process through the monthly Director's reports. The status chart for the last plan's strategies achieved by the Youth Bureau was distributed to members. The on-going Needs Assessment activities results assisted the Youth Board members in developing their OCFS funding priorities using the Touchstone Objectives.

4. Municipalities- There are no municipal youth bureaus in Dutchess County.

5. Broad Based Community Participation-The past year's needs assessment activities included broad based community representation through the DC Health Department's Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement plan activities; the County Department of Mental Hygiene's three public forums in 2013 covering Adult Mental Health Service Needs, Service Needs of Chemically Dependent Persons and the Mental Health Needs of Children and Youth. Members of the ICP workgroup attend these forums and the concerns raised m1d needs identified me shared with respective Departments, agencies and those responsible for plan strategy development Also, the Council on Addiction, Prevention and Education reported their significant findings from the Search Institute Survey results in six school districts at the Criminal Justice Council meeting.

## I - Child Protective Services

**Child Protective Services Self-Assessment:** Describe the success and challenges the district has experienced since the last plan update in the program area. Noting the data and trends as identified in Appendix C, and the cumulative district consultations (Appendix B-1 through B-6), describe the underlying conditions or factors that influence your performance in meeting the needs of children, youth, adults and families (as applicable).

### 2013 SELF-ASSESSMENT—REPORT

**TARGET 1a** 100% of cases conferenced will have plans and services assessed and revised to ensure that all issues of child safety and family needs are met.

**RESULT** 100% of cases that were conferenced during weekly case review meetings had plans and services assessed to ensure that all issues of child safety and family needs are met. CPS and Preventive continue to do case review meetings weekly on Thursday mornings and Foster Care continues to do case reviews on Friday mornings. In addition, DCFS Preventive workers review their cases with CPS on Tuesdays and Astor Preventive Workers review their cases with CPS bi-weekly on Mondays.

**TARGET 1b** Dutchess County DCFS will reduce our Recurrence Rate of Child Maltreatment/Abuse by utilizing more community resources for families so that there will be more supportive services attached to the family when CPS is no longer involved.

**RESULT** As of 9/30/13, D.C. DCFS recurrence rate was 17.8% and the rest of the state was at 13.2%. D.C. DCFS continues to work on reducing this percentage to get to the Statewide mark of 12.4%.

**TARGET 1c.** Dutchess County DCFS in collaboration with NYS OCFS will continue to provide Family Meetings Trainings until all staff are fully trained. Staff who have been trained will implement these meetings in their case practice.

**RESULT** D.C.DCFS continues to utilize Family Meetings as a regular course of practice. In 2013, OCFS did not have a Family Engagement Specialist available to provide trainings to us. The trainings began again in January of 2014.

Due to the number of reports received in Dutchess County, CPS workers may be required to carry more than the 12 investigations per month recommended by an OCFS caseload study.

**Child Protective Services Outcomes:** Outcomes are based on the district's performance as identified through the data and trends in the Self-Assessment. Outcomes should be expressed as desired changes within a program area to address the underlying conditions or factors as noted in the district's Self-Assessment. The outcomes must be related to the use of OCFS funding, and/or required areas of services by the social services district and Youth Bureau. Districts may incorporate outcomes from their Child and Family Services Program Improvement Plan (PIP). List the district's outcomes for this program area and identify quantifiable indicators (measures) of the desired changes that you will use to track progress.

**OUTCOME 1** CPS issues that affect Dutchess County children and families will be identified and addressed to reduce the risk of future abuse or maltreatment.

**Indicator 1a.** One hundred percent (100%) of CPS cases conferenced will have plans and services assessed and revised to ensure that all issues of child safety and family needs are met.

**Indicator 1b.** DCFS is presently at 17.8% of recurrence and the rest of the state is at 13.2%. DCFS plans to address this issue with the goal of reaching 12.4% which is the statewide percentage.

**Indicator 1c.** Dutchess County DCFS in collaboration with NYS OCFS will continue to provide Family Meetings Trainings until all staff are fully trained. Staff who have been trained will implement these meetings in their case practice

1a. One hundred percent (100%) of CPS cases conferenced will have plans and services assessed and revised to ensure that all issues of child safety and family needs are met.

1b. DCFS is presently at 15.4% of recurrence and the rest of the state is at 14.3%. DCFS plans to address this issue with the goal of reaching 12.4% which is the statewide percentage. 1c. Dutchess County DSS in collaboration with NYS OCFS will continue to provide Family Meetings Trainings until all staff are fully trained. Staff who have been trained will implement these meetings in their case practice.

**Child Protective Services Strategies to Achieve Outcomes:** Describe the strategies that will be implemented to achieve the identified outcomes, including those strategies that support your Child and Family Services PIP outcomes. Each strategy should include the timeframe for completion and designation of what agency(ies) or department(s) is/are responsible for implementation. Explain how OCFS-administered funding supports achievement of outcomes.

**Strategy 1a.** Dutchess County DCFS Children's Services and legal staff members will participate in weekly case conferences to review CPS, Preventive and foster care cases which meet set criteria including complex issues, multiple service providers, differences of opinion, very young children and multiple CPS reports.

**Strategy 1b.** Dutchess County DCFS will reduce our Recurrence Rate of Child Maltreatment/Abuse by utilizing more community resources for families so that there will be more supportive services attached to the family when CPS is no longer involved.

Dutchess County will also work on Consolidating Reports regularly when appropriate.

Strategy 1c. Dutchess County DCFS will utilize Family Meetings to locate resources for children more quickly and to give families an opportunity to assist in developing safety plans to enable children to remain home or exit foster care more quickly.

## II - Child Preventive Services

**Child Preventive Services Self-Assessment:** Describe the success and challenges the district has experienced since the last plan update in the program area. Noting the data and trends as identified in Appendix C, and the cumulative district consultations (Appendix B-1 through B-6), describe the underlying conditions or factors that influence your performance in meeting the needs of children, youth, adults and families (as applicable).

### 2013 SELF-ASSESSMENT--REPORT

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**TARGET 1a.** 100% of PREVENTIVE cases conferenced will have plans and services assessed and revised to ensure that all issues of child safety and family needs are met.

**RESULT** 100% of cases that were conferenced during weekly case review meetings had plans and services assessed to ensure that all issues of child safety and family needs are met. CPS and Preventive continue to do case review meetings weekly on Thursday mornings and Foster Care continues to do case reviews on Friday mornings. In addition, DCFS Preventive workers review their cases with CPS and Astor Preventive Workers review their cases with CPS bi-weekly.

**TARGET 1b.** 100% of families requesting voluntary placement will have assessment to determine whether children can be safely maintained at home with appropriate community supports and services in place prior

**RESULT** 100% of families requesting voluntary placement received an assessment to determine whether the child could be safely maintained at home with services prior to placement. In 2013, 20 families were interviewed for Voluntary Placement and 2 children were placed.

**TARGET 1c.** 5 children per year will receive in home crisis intervention waiver services to enable them to remain in the community.

**RESULT** 38 children received waiver services in 2013.

**TARGET 1d.** Dutchess County DCFS in collaboration with NYS OCFS will continue to provide Family Meetings Trainings until all staff are fully trained. Staff who have been trained will implement these meetings in their case practice.

**RESULT** DC DCFS has implemented Family Team Meetings as a regular course of practice.

**TARGET 2a.** All PINS Diversion youth who are accepted for services will be screened by the Intake Review Committee (comprised of the Unit Administrator of the Diversion Unit, Intake Worker, Astor Community Based Services, Dept.of Mental Hygiene) for early identification of and linkage to community based services.

**RESULT** Achieved. 277 PINS Complaints were received in 2013. 8 were referred to the Youth Services. 10 went to petition immediately and were forwarded to Family Court (Runaway, Refusal to participate in services). The remaining 267 complaints were reviewed by the Intake Review Committee.

**TARGET 2b.** Not more than 20% of PINS complaints received will result in a petition to Family Court. )

**RESULT** 47cases were referred to petition after having been accepted in Diversion Services (17%).

**TARGET 2c.** The number of PINS youth placed in the custody of the Department of Social Services will not exceed 20.

**RESULT** Achieved. In 2013, 5 PINS youth were placed in the custody of the Department of Community and Family Services.

**TARGET 2d.** 15 youth will receive respite services.

**RESULT** Achieved. 22 PINS Diversion youth received respite services at River Haven in 2013.

**TARGET 2e.** At least 2 Crossroads curriculum groups will be held per year.

**RESULT Achieved:** Early spring of 2012, the Joan Schladale, Taming Violence and Sexually Abusive Behavior (7youth, all completed) Fall of 2012, Teen Aggression and Bullying curriculum group (13 youth attended and 9 completed)

**TARGET 2f.** The Collaborative Solutions Team members and the Probation Officer will provide Functional Family Therapy on site to up to 18 families.

**RESULT Achieved.** 46 PINS diversion families received Functional Family Therapy.

**TARGET 2g.** 75% of the families who receive Functional Family Therapy will avoid out of home placement.

**RESULT** One of the families served resulted in the youth being placed out of the home. 99.5% of youth who received FFT therapy avoided out of home placement.

Dutchess County lost preventive slots for 36 families in 2010 due to budget cuts. There is sometimes a waiting list for preventive services, so Child Protective workers provide prevent services to families waiting for preventive slots.

**Child Preventive Services Outcomes:** Outcomes are based on the district's performance as identified through the data and trends in the Self-Assessment. Outcomes should be expressed as desired changes within a program area to address the underlying conditions or factors as noted in the district's Self-Assessment. The outcomes must be related to the use of OCFS funding, and/or required areas of services by the social services district and Youth Bureau. Districts may incorporate outcomes from their Child and Family Services Program Improvement Plan (PIP). List the district's outcomes for this program area and identify quantifiable indicators (measures) of the desired changes that you will use to track progress.

**OUTCOME 1:** Families, including nuclear, extended and adoptive families are strengthened and supported so they are able to raise, nurture, and ensure the children's connections to their heritage and in planning for the children's futures (Title IVB Goal1 & Goal 5).

**OUTCOME 2:** Dutchess County will assist youth in assuming personal responsibility for their behavior and refraining from violence to avoid the necessity for out of placement.

**Indicator 1a.** One hundred percent (100%) of preventive cases conferenced will have plans and services assessed and revised to ensure that all issues of child safety and family needs are met.

**Indicator 1b.** One hundred percent (100%) of families requesting voluntary placement will have assessment to determine whether children can be safely maintained at home with appropriate community supports and services in place prior to a voluntary placement being made.

**Indicator 1c.** Five (5) children per year will receive OMH waiver services.

**Indicator 1d.** Dutchess County DCFS in collaboration with NYS OCFS will continue to provide Family Meetings Trainings until all staff are fully trained. Staff who have been trained will implement these meetings in their case practice.

**Indicator 2a.** All PINS Diversion youth who are accepted for services will be screened by the Intake Review Committee (comprised of the Unit Administrator of the Diversion Unit, Intake Worker, Astor Community Based Services, Dept. of Mental Hygiene) for early identification of and linkage.

**Indicator 2b.** Not more than twenty percent (20%) of PINS complaints received will result in a petition to Family court.

**Child Preventive Services Strategies to Achieve Outcomes:** Describe the strategies that will be implemented to achieve the identified outcomes, including those strategies that support your Child and Family Services PIP outcomes. Each strategy should include the timeframe for completion and designation of what agency(ies) or department(s) is/are responsible for implementation. Explain how OCFS-administered funding supports achievement of outcomes.

**Strategy 1a.** Dutchess County DCFS Children's Services and legal staff members will participate in weekly case conferences to review Preventive cases which meet set criteria including complex issues, multiple service providers, differences of opinion, very young children, and multiple CPS reports. In addition, DCFS Preventive cases will be reviewed weekly with CPS and Astor Preventive Cases will be reviewed bi-weekly with CPS.

**Strategy 1b.** Birth families who request voluntary placement of children will meet with the DCFS intake worker and

be referred to ECCSI and/or the Department of Probation if needed to try to prevent the need for a DCFS foster care placement.

**Strategy 1c.** Dutchess County DCFS will contract with Astor Home For Children to provide five crisis intervention waiver slots to provide in-home services to children at risk of psychiatric hospitalization and their families, to enable those children to remain in the community. **1d.** Dutchess County DCFS will utilize Family Meetings to locate resources for children more quickly and to give families an opportunity to assist in developing safety plans to enable children to remain home or exit foster care more quickly.

**Strategy 1e.** Dutchess County DCFS will fund 4 crisis/respite beds at the Riverhaven Shelter for teens.

**Strategy 2a.** The Dutchess County Office of Probation will operate a Diversion Unit that provides intake, assessment and case planning services for families that target criminogenic areas of need and risk, and utilize a strength-based approach to increase protective factors and reduce dynamic risk.

**Strategy 2b.** When a recommendation for out-of-home placement is being considered, the case will be reviewed by the Dispositional Review Team.

**Strategy 2c.** Dutchess County Office of Probation will continue to refer appropriate families to River Haven's Respite Program.

**Strategy 2d.** DC Probation Officers who have been trained as facilitators of cognitive/behavioral curriculums will implement the Crossroads curriculum or other cognitive behavioral evidence based curriculum with a focus on life skills.

**Strategy 2e.** Collaborative Solutions Team members and one Probation Officer will provide Functional Family Therapy at the Office of Probation on a part-time basis.

### III - Foster Care

**Foster Care Self-Assessment:** Describe the success and challenges the district has experienced since the last plan update in the program area. Noting the data and trends as identified in Appendix C, and the cumulative district consultations (Appendix B-1 through B-6), describe the underlying conditions or factors that influence your performance in meeting the needs of children, youth, adults and families (as applicable).

2012 OUTCOMES--REPORT TARGET 1 100% of foster care cases conferenced will have plans and services assessed and revised to ensure that all issues of child safety and family needs are met. RESULT 100% of cases that were conferenced during weekly case review meetings had plans and services assessed to ensure that all issues of child safety and family needs are met. CPS and Preventive continue to do case review meetings weekly on Thursday mornings and Foster Care continues to do case reviews on Friday mornings. TARGET 2 In all cases where children are removed from their birth families, appropriate family resources will be assessed so that Dutchess County children will continue in their family environment wherever possible. RESULT D.C. DCFS continues the practice of exploring all other options and family resources prior to removing children from their birth families. On a regular basis, cps workers ask for family resources and invite them in to meet with the Supervisor of the Homefinders to go over options with the Family Resource such as Article X custody, relative foster parent, and Article 6 guardianship. TARGET 3 All children coming into foster care will be assessed by DSS case managers and/or Poughkeepsie Children's Home staff so that an appropriate level of care can be achieved. RESULT All children who came into Foster Care in 2012 were assessed by Poughkeepsie children's Home Staff and D.C. DCFS staff to determine appropriate level of placement. TARGET 4 DCDSS will utilize available B2H waiver slots as they become available. RESULT In 2012, D.C. DCFS had 26 children receiving B2H services in the SED slots, 4 children in the Medically Fragile slots, and 7 children in the Developmentally Disabled slots. TARGET 5 Dutchess County DSS in collaboration with NYS OCFS will continue to provide Family Meetings Trainings until all staff are fully trained. Staff who have been trained will implement these meetings in their case practice. RESULT D.C.DCFS has implemented Family Team Conferencing and Family Team Meetings as a regular course of practice. In 2012, 56 children services staff were trained by OCFS for this program TARGET 6 57% of children will exit foster care within 2 years of date of placement. RESULT Of the children who entered foster care for the first time between 2006 and 2010, 67% exited to a permanent exit within two years. TARGET 7 A minimum of two independent living training sessions per year will be offered to independent living youth in Dutchess County foster homes. RESULT Two Independent Living trainings were offered in 2012. One session was Computer Training and another session was ARC Summer Employment Program. TARGET 8 All youth with a goal of independent living who are in foster homes will receive independent living skills training. RESULT All youth with a goal of I.L. received training by their foster homes and DCDCFS staff on an ongoing basis to prepare them for Adulthood. TARGET 9 Data will be centralized as a step toward determining the life skills and needs of independent living youth in Dutchess County foster care placements. RESULT A data base is being set up to track all youth who are currently listed with a goal of independent Living and all youth who are deemed appropriate for Independent Living. The data base will track their schooling, employment, health insurance, credit checks, and their discharge from foster care with an adult mentor.

1. Additional foster parents qualified to care for children aged 0-21 are always needed, so Dutchess continually recruits

families to provide foster care. 2. Increasing visitation can have positive effect on reunification of foster children and their biological parents, so Dutchess is looking for ways to achieve this. One strategy employed is that the Children's Museum in Poughkeepsie, NY has partnered with foster care to provide increased visitation for families the museum.

**Foster Care Outcomes:** Outcomes are based on the district's performance as identified through the data and trends in the Self-Assessment. Outcomes should be expressed as desired changes within a program area to address the underlying conditions or factors as noted in the district's Self-Assessment. The outcomes must be related to the use of OCFS funding, and/or required areas of services by the social services district and Youth Bureau. Districts may incorporate outcomes from their Child and Family Services Program Improvement Plan (PIP). List the district's outcomes for this program area and identify quantifiable indicators (measures) of the desired changes that you will use to track progress.

**OUTCOME 1:** Children who are removed from their birth families will be ensured stability, continuity, and an environment that supports all aspects of their development (Title IV-B Goal 2).

1a. One hundred percent (100%) of foster care cases conferenced will have plans and services assessed and revised to ensure that all issues of child safety and family needs are met. 1b. DCFS will utilize available B2H waiver slots as they become available. 1c. Dutchess County DCFS in collaboration with NYS OCFS will continue to provide Family Meetings Trainings until all staff are fully trained. Staff who have been trained will implement these meetings in their case practice 1d. Sixty five percent (65%) of children will exit foster care within 2 years of date of placement. 1e. A minimum of two independent living training sessions per year will be offered to independent living youth in Dutchess County foster homes. 1f. All youth with a goal of another planned permanency living arrangement who are in foster homes will receive independent living skills training.

**Foster Care Strategies to Achieve Outcomes:** Describe the strategies that will be implemented to achieve the identified outcomes, including those strategies that support your Child and Family Services PIP outcomes. Each strategy should include the timeframe for completion and designation of what agency(ies) or department(s) is/are responsible for implementation. Explain how OCFS-administered funding supports achievement of outcomes.

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#### **IV - Adoption**

**Adoption Self-Assessment:** Describe the success and challenges the district has experienced since the last plan update in the program area. Noting the data and trends as identified in Appendix C, and the cumulative district consultations (Appendix B-1 through B-6), describe the underlying conditions or factors that influence your performance in meeting the needs of children, youth, adults and families (as applicable)

2012 OUTCOMES--REPORT TARGET 1 100% of foster and pre-adoptive parents will be trained to increase their awareness of child care, development, issues facing foster children and how to meet the children's needs. RESULT 100% of foster and pre-adoptive parents were trained to increase their awareness of child care development and issues facing children in foster care. MAPP training and Caring For Your Own Trainings were offered in 2012 and 17 new foster parents were certified and 9 new relative foster parents were certified in 2012. TARGET 2 100% of foster and adoptive parents will have ongoing support in place to assist in meeting their needs and the needs of foster and adoptive children. RESULT 100% of foster and adoptive parents who requested support received it. D.C. DCFS has three full time Homefinders who meet with Foster/Adoptive Parents regularly and address all concerns brought forward. DCDCFS no longer has the position of Foster Parent Liaison

Due to many factors, including children's complex needs, NYS, DSS and family court time frames and available adoption resources, it may be longer than 24 months from the date of foster care placement to the date of adoption. DSS, Dutchess County Family Court and othe community agencies are working together to develop strategies to more quickly achieve the permanency goal of adoption for children.

**Adoption Outcomes:** Outcomes are based on the district's performance as identified through the data and trends in the Self-Assessment. Outcomes should be expressed as desired changes within a program area to address the underlying conditions or factors as noted in the district's Self-Assessment. The outcomes must be related to the use of OCFS funding, and/or required areas of services by the social services district and Youth Bureau. Districts may incorporate outcomes from their Child and Family Services Program Improvement Plan (PIP). List the district's outcomes for this program area and identify quantifiable indicators (measures) of the desired changes that you will use to track progress.

**OUTCOME 1:** Once a child under 13 or over 14 who consents to being adopted is completely freed in Dutchess County Family Court, a permanent family will be found for the child.

Indicator 1a. One hundred percent (100%) of children who are freed for adoption by DC Family Court will be assigned an adoption worker within two weeks.

Indicator 1b. A minimum of one freed foster care youth will secure an adoptive resource through the Wendy's Wonderful Kids Program.

Indicator 1c. A minimum of eighteen (18) meetings per year between DCFS adoption and foster care staff will be held.

**Adoption Strategies to Achieve Outcomes:** Describe the strategies that will be implemented to achieve the identified outcomes, including those strategies that support your Child and Family Services PIP outcomes. Each strategy should include the timeframe for completion and designation of what agency(ies) or department(s) is/are responsible for implementation. Explain how OCFS-administered funding supports achievement of outcomes.

**Strategy 1a.** Within two weeks of the Court action to free, DCFS will assign an adoption worker to each freed child who will immediately begin the work of finding a permanent home for the child.

**Strategy 1b.** DCFS Adoption worker will work with Wendy's Wonderful Kid's Program to secure an adoptive resource.

**Strategy 1c.** DCFS Adoption and Foster Care staff will meet to review cases and identify barriers to permanency.

#### V - Detention

**Detention Self-Assessment:** Describe the success and challenges the district has experienced since the last plan update in the program area. Noting the data and trends as identified in Appendix C, and the cumulative district consultations (Appendix B-1 through B-6), describe the underlying conditions or factors that influence your performance in meeting the needs of children, youth, adults and families (as applicable).

#### 2013 OUTCOMES--REPORT

**TARGET 1a.** One hundred (100%) percent of youth remanded to detention for a Juvenile Delinquency act will be assessed using the approved NYS OCFS validated detention tool.

**RESULT Achieved.** Much of the focus in 2013 was in participation in the implementation of the DRAI. Our DRAI plan was submitted and approved. All staff who are responsible for completing the DRAI were trained. The DRAI Implementation Team gave a training on the DRAI and DRAI plan to the Juvenile Justice Committee at the July 2013 meeting. Effective December 31, 2013, all youth JD who appeared before the Family Court Judge had a DRAI completed.

**TARGET 1b.** Dutchess County will acquire sufficient data regarding the issue of disproportionate minority confinement to determine the scope of the problem in the county.

**RESULT Discussion** regarding disproportionate minority confinement at Juvenile Justice Committee and Court Involved Youth were agenda items. NYS OCFS Child welfare data indicates that Dutchess County has a high disparity rate for African American and Hispanic /Latino children and their families in the child welfare system. Addressing disproportionate minority representation locally will require that all of the stakeholders, including the County Executive and staff, Family Court Judges and other personnel, the County Attorney, Department of Social Services, Law Guardians and Probation have a common understanding of the use of the detention screening tool and the alternative detention options available. Ongoing communication through our standing committees, such as the Court Involved Youth Committee and Juvenile Justice Committee is a necessary component to assess and improve our efforts in this area. We must continue to meet to add outcomes and any process issues that might be addressed to improve outcomes.

**TARGET 1c.** Ten (10) youth will be discharged from detention to Juvenile Pre-trial services.

**RESULT Achieved.** 31 youth were discharged from detention to Juvenile Pre-Trial Services as follows: 19, Electronic Home Detention; 6, Curfew Monitoring; 3, Pre-Dispositional Release Under Supervision (RUS); and 3, River Haven Respite Services

**TARGET 1d.** Ten (10) youth will be placed on Juvenile Pre-trial services as an alternative to being placed in detention.

**RESULT Achieved.** 47 youth were placed on Juvenile Pre-Trial services (Released Under Supervision) as an alternative to being placed in detention. 85% Successfully completed.

**TARGET 1e. Seventy-five percent (75%) of youth who receive curfew monitoring services will avoid detention or out-of-home placement.**

**RESULT Achieved. 84% of parents and children who completed curfew monitoring surveys reported at least one positive change. 86% of youth who received pre-dispositional curfew monitoring services avoided detention and out of home placement.**

**TARGET 1f. Seventy percent (70%) of youth who receive electronic monitoring services will avoid detention or out-of-home placement.**

**RESULT 80% of youth who received pre-trial electronic monitoring services avoided detention and out of home placement.**

During the fourth quarter 2009, the Dutchess County Office of Probation launched our Juvenile Pre-Trial Services program. Dutchess County is currently using the YASI Detention Screening Tool for all youth who are remanded to detention. Available alternative to detention options for youth include Release Under Supervision, Release to Curfew Monitoring Program, Juvenile Electronic Monitoring, and/or Release to an evidence based family therapy programs: J-RISC (Functional Family Therapy). Since its inception, Juvenile Pre-Trial Services has evolved into a consistently utilized option for the Family Court.

It is crucial that all of the stakeholders, including the County Executive and staff, Family Court Judges and other personnel, the County Attorney, Department of Social Services, Law Guardians and Probation have a common understanding of the use of the detention screening tool and the alternatives to detention options available. Ongoing communication through our standing committees, such as the Court Involved Youth Committee and Juvenile Justice Committee is a necessary component to assess and improve our efforts in this area. We continue to meet to address outcomes and any process issues that might be addressed to improve outcomes.

Resources also affect our outcomes. We instituted the Juvenile Pre-Trial program without any additions to staff. The two Family Court Units have also been impacted by a number of staff retirements. They have continued to deliver services effectively despite the unprecedented staff turnover.

**Detention Outcomes:** Outcomes are based on the district's performance as identified through the data and trends in the Self-Assessment. Outcomes should be expressed as desired changes within a program area to address the underlying conditions or factors as noted in the district's Self-Assessment. The outcomes must be related to the use of OCFS funding, and/or required areas of services by the social services district and Youth Bureau. Districts may incorporate outcomes from their Child and Family Services Program Improvement Plan (PIP). List the district's outcomes for this program area and identify quantifiable indicators (measures) of the desired changes that you will use to track progress.

**OUTCOME 1:** The Dutchess County Office of Probation and Community Corrections will work collaboratively with the Family Court, County Attorney's Office, Law Guardians and the Department of Community and Family Services to ensure that youth in detention have been objectively screened with a validated assessment tool and all alternatives to detention options have been fully utilized.

**Indicator 1a. One hundred (100%) percent of youth remanded to detention for a Juvenile Delinquency act will be assessed using the approved NYS OCFS validated detention tool.**

**Indicator 1b. Dutchess County will acquire sufficient data regarding the issue of disproportionate minority confinement to determine the scope of the problem in the county.**

**Indicator 1c. Ten (10) youth will be discharged from detention to Juvenile Pre-trial services.**

**Indicator 1d. Ten (10) youth will be placed on Juvenile Pre-trial services as an alternative to being place in detention.**

**Indicator 1e. Seventy-five percent (75%) of youth who receive curfew monitoring services will avoid detention or out-of-home placement.**

**Indicator 1f. Seventy percent (70%) of youth who receive electronic monitoring services will avoid detention or out-of-home placement.**

**Detention Strategies to Achieve Outcomes:** Describe the strategies that will be implemented to achieve the identified outcomes, including those strategies that support your Child and Family Services PIP outcomes. Each strategy should include the timeframe for completion and designation of what agency(ies) or department(s) is/are responsible for implementation. Explain how OCFS-administered funding supports achievement of outcomes.

**Strategy 1a. Youth in detention for a Juvenile Delinquency act will be screened using an objective detention screening tool approved by OCFS.**

**Strategy 1b. DC Probation as a member of the Court Involved Youth Committee will examine disproportionate minority confinement in secure and non-secure detention.**

**Strategy 1c. Based on the results of the screening tool, a recommendation for release to the least restrictive alternative to detention program will be made where indicated.**

**Strategy 1d. Efficacy of and planning for alternative to detention options shall be driven by available data.**

## **VI - Youth Development**

**Youth Development Self-Assessment:** Describe the success and challenges the district has experienced since the last plan update in the program area. Noting the data and trends as identified in Appendix C, and the cumulative district consultations (Appendix B-1 through B-6), describe the underlying conditions or factors that influence your performance in meeting the needs of children, youth, adults and families (as applicable).

### **2013 SELF ASSESSMENT--REPORT**

**TARGET 1a. Employment/internship funded programs will meet 70% of their outcomes.**

**RESULT** Eight programs were funded in 2013 (Mill St Loft, Northeast Community Center, Cornell Cooperative Ext, Children's Media Project, Mid Hudson Children's Museum, T/Hyde Park Recreation, T/Pleasant Valley Recreation, and T/Poughkeepsie Recreation) and they met their outcomes with an average of 93%.

**TARGET 1b. 90% of the meetings will be attended to allocate the WIB SYEP funding each year.**

**RESULT** 100% of the meetings for WIB SYEP were attended in 2013. Additionally, one youth member of the Youth Board member again participated in the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) Summer Youth Employment proposals committee. He attended meetings, read the grant proposals and made funding recommendations.

**TARGET 2a. 70% of youth served will successfully complete their program services and not enter/reenter the Juvenile Justice system.**

**RESULT** 91.9% of youth served in 2013 by the Youth Services Unit successfully completed their program by improving their behavior or were linked to services to avoid out of home placement.

**TARGET 2b. Funded programs will meet 60% of their outcomes.**

**RESULT** Three programs were funded in 2013 (Child Abuse Prevention Center -CAC, HRH River Haven Shelter, and HRH River Haven Independent Living) and they met their outcomes with an average of 91%.

**TARGET 2c. Funded programs will meet 70% of their outcomes.**

**RESULT** Eight programs were funded in 2013 (CAPE, Family Services Inc., T/Amenia Recreation, T/Canton Recreation, T/Hyde Park Recreation, C/Poughkeepsie Recreation, T/Poughkeepsie Recreation, and T/Red Hook Recreation) and they met their outcomes with an average of 94%.

**TARGET 3a. A minimum of one scholarship will be awarded annually.**

**RESULT** The Youth Board awarded one second year student with a Dutchess Community College scholarship at the 2014 Convocation Ceremony.

**TARGET 4a. Funded that promote constructive use of time during out of school programs will meet 70% of their outcomes.**

**RESULT** Six programs were funded in 2013 (Mill St Loft, Cornell Cooperative Ext, Mid Hudson Children's Museum, NECC Teen Team, T/Beekman Recreation, and T/Pleasant Valley Recreation) and they met their outcomes with an average of 97%.

**TARGET 4b.** Community service funded programs will complete at least one community service project and/or meet 80% of their outcomes.

**RESULT** Six programs were funded in 2013 (Grace Smith House, HRH Enrichment, Cornell Cooperative Ext, Hands on the Hudson Valley, NECC Teen Team, and T/Red Hook Recreation) and they met their outcomes with an average of 97%.

**TARGET 4c.** The Youth Council will successfully complete at least three community service projects, one leadership training, and host four guest speakers to address teen related issues.

**RESULT** The 2013-14 Youth Council had 29 members representing eight high schools, both public and private and one home schooled youth. Youth Council members completed three community service projects, attended two youth conferences, and hosted six guest lecturers on various teen related topics.

**TARGET 4d.** Funded programs that offer skill building experiences will meet 75% of their outcomes.

**RESULT** Eleven programs were funded in 2013 (Grace Smith House, Mill St. Loft, C/Beacon PD, Children's Media Project, Cornell Cooperative Ext, NECC – Teen Team, Hands on the Hudson Valley, Mid Hudson Children's Museum, T/Beekman Recreation, T/Pleasant Valley Recreation, and T/Red Hook-Conflict Resolution) and they met their outcomes with an average of 93%.

**TARGET 4e.** Funded programs to reduce youth violence will meet 75% of their outcomes.

**RESULT** Four programs were funded in 2013 (C/Beacon PD, T/Hyde Park PD, C/Poughkeepsie PD, and T/Poughkeepsie PD.) and they met their outcomes with an average of 70%.

**TARGET 5a.** Funded programs that provide services to children and youth victims of violence will meet 75% of their outcomes.

**RESULT** Two programs were funded in 2013 (Family Services Inc. and Child Abuse Prevention Center – CAC) and they met their outcomes with an average of 80%.

**TARGET 5b.** Funded programs that provide education on personal safety and domestic violence will meet 75% of their outcomes.

**RESULT** Two programs were funded in 2013 (Family Services Inc. and Child Abuse Prevention Center – PSP) and they met their outcomes with an average of 88%.

**NYS OCFS funding streams, SDPP and YDDP, ended on 12/31/13 and on 1/1/14, a new funding stream called Youth Development Program will take effect. Families are experiencing greater stressors across milieus. The Developmental Assets model has been institutionalized in many of our nonprofit agencies which are directly reflected in their youth programming. The Division of Youth Services will continue to promote the Developmental Assets in program development. We will also continue to increase opportunities for young people to develop leadership skills, life skills, and to provide their "voice" in youth program.**

**Youth Development Outcomes:** Outcomes are based on the district's performance as identified through the data and trends in the Self-Assessment. Outcomes should be expressed as desired changes within a program area to address the underlying conditions or factors as noted in the district's Self-Assessment. The outcomes must be related to the use of OCFS funding, and/or required areas of services by the social services district and Youth Bureau. Districts may incorporate outcomes from their Child and Family Services Program Improvement Plan (PIP). List the district's outcomes for this program area and identify quantifiable indicators (measures) of the desired changes that you will use to track progress.

**OUTCOME 1.** Youth will be prepared for their eventual economic self-sufficiency. (LA1ES, Goal 11)

**OUTCOME 2:** Children and youth will have optimal physical and emotional health. (LA2PEH. Goal 21)

**OUTCOME 3:** Children will leave school prepared to live, learn and work in a community as contributing members of society. (LA.3ED, Goal31).

**OUTCOME 4:** Children and youth will demonstrate good citizenship as law abiding, contributing members of their families, schools and communities. (LA4CVC, Goal41).

**OUTCOME 5: Families will provide children with safe, stable and nurturing environments. (LA5FAM. Goal 51).**

**Indicator 1a. Employment/internship funded programs will meet 70% of their outcomes.**

**Indicator 1b. 90% of the meetings will be attended to allocate the WIB SYEP funding each year.**

**Indicator 2a. 70% of youth served will successfully complete their program services and not enter/reenter the Juvenile Justice system.**

**Indicator 2b. Funded programs that link youth to intervention and treatment services will meet 60% of their outcomes.**

**Indicator 2c. Funded programs that provide increased opportunities to increase levels of physical fitness will meet 70% of their outcomes.**

**Indicator 3a. A minimum of one scholarship will be awarded annually.**

**Indicator 4a. Funded programs that promote constructive use of time during out of school hours will meet 70% of their outcomes.**

**Indicator 4b. Community service funded programs will complete at least one community service project and/or meet 80% of their outcomes.**

**Indicator 4c. The Youth Council will successfully complete at least three community service projects, one leadership training, and host four guest speakers to address teen related issues.**

**Indicator 4d. Funded programs that offer skill building experiences will meet 75% of their outcomes.**

**Indicator 4e. Funded programs to reduce youth violence will meet 75% of their outcomes.**

**Indicator 5a. Funded programs that provide services to children and youth victims of violence will meet 75% of their outcomes.**

**Indicator 5b. Funded programs that provide education on personal safety and domestic violence will meet 75% of their outcomes**

**Youth Development Strategies to Achieve Outcomes:** Describe the strategies that will be implemented to achieve the identified outcomes, including those strategies that support your Child and Family Services PIP outcomes. Each strategy should include the timeframe for completion and designation of what agency(ies) or department(s) is/are responsible for implementation. Explain how OCFS-administered funding supports achievement of outcomes.

**Strategy 1a. To provide vocational experiences for youth, the Youth Board will allocate funding for jobs and/or internships.**

**Strategy 1b. The Director of Youth Services will participate on the WIB Summer Youth Employment Program grant allocation process.**

**Strategy 2a. Youth Services will provide counseling services to youth and families to promote emotional health.**

**Strategy 2b. To provide access to services, the Youth Board will fund services that link youth to intervention and treatment services.**

**Strategy 2c. To promote optimal physical health, the Youth Board will fund programs that provide opportunities to increase levels of physical fitness.**

**Strategy 3a. To assist county youth in achieving higher education, the Youth Board will provide scholarships at Dutchess Community College.**

**Strategy 4a. To promote constructive use of time, the Youth Board will fund programs that provide youth with positive and productive activities during the out-of-school hours.**

**Strategy 4b. To increase youth opportunities for community service, the Youth Board will fund programs that provide youth with meaningful volunteer opportunities and internships.**

**Strategy 4c. The Division of Youth Services will organize and sponsor the DC Youth Council to provide high school**

students opportunities and training for youth leadership, youth empowerment and develop civic values.

**Strategy 4d.** The Youth Board will fund programs that offer skill building experiences, such as social competencies, arts and cultural awareness, athletics and recreation, health information, and conflict resolution. **Strategy 4e.** To reduce youth violent incidents or recidivism rates, the Youth Board will fund municipal juvenile bureaus and school resource officer programs.

**Strategy 4e.** The Youth Board will fund programs aimed to reduce youth violent incidents or recidivism rates.

**Strategy 5a.** To increase access of services for victims of youth violence, the Youth Board will fund services that provide assistance to children and youth who are victims of violence.

**Strategy 5b.** To increase youth awareness of the signs and causes of violence, the Youth Board will fund educational programming on personal safety and domestic violence.

## VII - Domestic Violence

**Domestic Violence Self-Assessment:** Describe the success and challenges the district has experienced since the last plan update in the program area. Noting the data and trends as identified in Appendix C, and the cumulative district consultations (Appendix B-1 through B-6), describe the underlying conditions or factors that influence your performance in meeting the needs of children, youth, adults and families (as applicable).

### 2013 SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT

**Target 1.** A minimum of 175 families per year will receive direct services or consultation services from the domestic violence liaison.

**RESULT** In 2013, 174 families received services from the domestic violence liaisons, including developing safety plans.

Domestic violence often goes unreported. It may exist and workers may be unaware. Risk is highest when the decision to separate is made. Safety is an issue in reporting and leaving the abuser may cause homelessness.

**Domestic Violence Outcomes:** Outcomes are based on the district's performance as identified through the data and trends in the Self-Assessment. Outcomes should be expressed as desired changes within a program area to address the underlying conditions or factors as noted in the district's Self-Assessment. The outcomes must be related to the use of OCFS funding, and/or required areas of services by the social services district and Youth Bureau. Districts may incorporate outcomes from their Child and Family Services Program Improvement Plan (PIP). List the district's outcomes for this program area and identify quantifiable indicators (measures) of the desired changes that you will use to track progress.

**OUTCOME 1:** Victims of family violence, both child and adult will be afforded the safety and support necessary to achieve self sufficiency and/or to promote their continued growth and development (child). (Title IV-B goal 3).

**Indicator 1a.** A minimum of 175 families per year will receive direct services or consultation services from the domestic violence liaison.

**Domestic Violence Strategies to Achieve Outcomes:** Describe the strategies that will be implemented to achieve the identified outcomes, including those strategies that support your Child and Family Services PIP outcomes. Each strategy should include the timeframe for completion and designation of what agency(ies) or department(s) is/are responsible for implementation. Explain how OCFS-administered funding supports achievement of outcomes.

**Strategy 1a.** Two domestic violence liaisons will be located in Dutchess County DCFS Children's Services division to act as a resource and support to Children's Services staff members in their work with families dealing with domestic violence issues

## VIII - Child Care

**Child Care Self-Assessment:** Describe the success and challenges the district has experienced since the last plan update in the program area. Noting the data and trends as identified in Appendix C, and the cumulative district consultations (Appendix B-1 through B-6), describe the underlying conditions or factors that influence your performance in meeting the needs of children, youth, adults and families (as applicable).

**2012 OUTCOMES--REPORT TARGET 1** 100% of families guaranteed childcare will have funds available to them during the fiscal year. **RESULT** Sufficient Funds w

**2013 SELF-ASSESSMENT-REPORT**

**TARGET 1a. 100% of families guaranteed childcare will have funds available to them during the fiscal year.**

**RESULT** Sufficient Funds were available so that all families guaranteed childcare

**TARGET 1b. 75% of investigations are completed timely.**

**RESULT** 100% of investigations were completed in a timely manner.

Worsening economic conditions in the County have increased need and forced the district to limit eligibility in the optional categories of eligible families to those whose income is at or below 125% of the SIS.

**Child Care Outcomes:** Outcomes are based on the district's performance as identified through the data and trends in the Self-Assessment. Outcomes should be expressed as desired changes within a program area to address the underlying conditions or factors as noted in the district's Self-Assessment. The outcomes must be related to the use of OCFS funding, and/or required areas of services by the social services district and Youth Bureau. Districts may incorporate outcomes from their Child and Family Services Program Improvement Plan (PIP). List the district's outcomes for this program area and identify quantifiable indicators (measures) of the desired changes that you will use to track progress.

**OUTCOME 1:** Dutchess County will make available and accessible child care to families eligible for child care services under the NYSCCBG program

**Indicator 1a. One hundred percent (100%) of families guaranteed childcare will have CDBG funds available to them during the fiscal year.**

**Indicator 1b. Seventy five percent (75%) of investigations are completed in a timely manner.**

**Child Care Strategies to Achieve Outcomes:** Describe the strategies that will be implemented to achieve the identified outcomes, including those strategies that support your Child and Family Services PIP outcomes. Each strategy should include the timeframe for completion and designation of what agency(ies) or department(s) is/are responsible for implementation. Explain how OCFS-administered funding supports achievement of outcomes.

**Strategy 1a. CCBG expenditures will be monitored so that funding remains available throughout the year for families guaranteed childcare.**

**Strategy 1b. Child care Front End Detection investigations will be completed in a manner that will allow the avoidance of improper payments while processing of applications within 30 days.**

**IX - Runaway and Homeless Youth**

**Runaway and Homeless Youth Self-Assessment:** Describe the success and challenges the district has experienced since the last plan update in the program area. Noting the data and trends as identified in Appendix C, and the cumulative district consultations (Appendix B-1 through B-6), describe the underlying conditions or factors that influence your performance in meeting the needs of children, youth, adults and families (as applicable).

**2013 SELF-ASSESSMENTREPORT**

**TARGET 1a A minimum of twenty four (24) youth per year including sexually exploited, PINS, JD, abused and neglected children will be provided a safe haven and case management services in times of crisis.**

**RESULT** A total of 55 youth including sexually exploited, PINS, JD, abused and neglected children were provided a safe haven and case management services in 2013

**TARGET 1b at least 100 runaway and homeless youth will be provided emergency housing and case management.**

**RESULT** A total of 111 runaway and homeless youth were provided emergency housing and case management.

**TARGET 1c. At discharge from the shelter, 95% of the youth served will be re-united with their families or placed in an otherwise safe and appropriate residence.**

**RESULT** At discharge from the shelter, 97% of the youth served were re-united with their families or placed in an otherwise safe and appropriate residence.

**TARGET 1d.** At least 85% of the youth served will be diverted from 'out of home' placement through the juvenile justice, mental health or child welfare systems.

**RESULT** 95% of the youth served through the shelter will be diverted from 'out of home' placement through the juvenile justice, mental health or child welfare systems.

**TARGET 1e.** At least 16 older youth will reside at TLC and participate in services to increase their self-sufficiency skills.

**RESULT** 22 older youth resided at TLC during the year and participated in services to increase their self-sufficiency skills.

**TARGET1f.** At least 80% of the TLC residents will exit to independent living or otherwise appropriate permanent housing.

**RESULT** 100% of the 15 youth that exited during the year, entered independent living or an otherwise appropriate permanent housing.

**TARGET 1g.** At Least 80% of the youth served will be employed an/or attending an educational program at time of discharge.

**RESULT** 87% of the 15 youth that exited the Program were employed an/or attending an educational program at time of discharge.

**TARGET 1h.**HRH's River Haven Independent Support Program will provide homeless and at risk youth with case management services and other supports to help them increase self0-sufficiency skills, pursue educational/vocational training and/or employment goals, obtain needed services and secure/sustain appropriate housing.

**RESULT** Through HRH's River Haven Independent Support Program 88 homeless and at risk youth received case management services and other supports to help them increase self-sufficiency skills, pursue educational/vocational training and/or employment goals, obtain needed services and secure/sustain appropriate housing.

**TARGET 2a** RHYSC or RHYA Service Provider will attend at least 75% of the ICP & DCHC meetings and share information about RHY needs and services at least annually.

**RESULT** RHYSC or RHYA Service Provider attended 90% of the ICP & DCHC meetings and shared information about RHY needs and services for the ICP and DCHC periodically throughout the year

**TARGET2b.** RHYSC will maintain an up-to-date list of School Liaisons for the education of homeless students throughout DC and ensure RHY service information is provided to liaisons at least annually and that RHY Programs have procedures in place to facilitate education of RHY as required.

**RESULT** The RHYSC updated and distributed the list of School Liaisons for homeless students in Dutchess County and ensured RHY service information was provided to liaisons annually and that RHY programs had procedures in place to facilitate education of RHY as required.

While the RHYA services provided through Hudson River Housing's River Haven Program have continued to be effective in addressing the needs of the target population and meeting projected outcomes, reductions in funding have been a major challenge. The NYS RHYA funding appropriation was cut by 58% between 2008 and 2013 and County matching dollars were reduced proportionately during the same period. These and other funding reductions have impacted or are expected to impact services as follows:

River Haven Part I Shelter – Upon relocating to a newly constructed site in 2011, the shelter had planned to expand its 12 bed capacity to include accommodations for a teen parent and their children. Budget & staffing reductions, prevented this expansion. The Shelter has been increasingly relied upon to provide respite care & services for youth at risk of placement, primarily from the PINS/JD population. In late 2013, DCFS expanded River Haven's 4 bed Respite contract utilizing STJP funding to purchase a fifth bed to prevent and reduce placement of youth in detention facilities. The respite care and detention prevention contract has helped to preserve the Shelter's services and further the County's goal of reducing detention placements. The Shelter's other funding enables River Haven to continue serving RHY from the general population.

River Haven Outreach – As of 10/1/2013, specific funding for outreach services ceased. While existing RHY staff has assumed some of the most essential outreach activities, it will be more challenging to ensure that some of the

most vulnerable segments of the RHY population are able to access safe housing and needed services.

**River Haven Independent Living Support Services-**The funding and capacity of the IL Program continued to decline despite increased recognition & growing numbers of disconnected youth. In 2009 the Program was staffed by 4 Case Managers and served 175 youth; 2013 ended with only one Case Manager on staff and 88 youth served for the year.

**River Haven Transitional Living Community (TLC)-** TLC reached the end of its 5 year HHS funding cycle as of October 2013. The RFP for next funding cycle was delayed. With HHS providing only a small amount of temporary gap funding and no certainty of future funding, TLC stopped accepting new admissions toward the end of 2013, but none of the existing residents were displaced. In the event HHS funding is not awarded in 2014, the TLC Program will be modified to serve 18-25 year olds and will no longer fall under the NYS RHYA Statute and regulations.

**Runaway and Homeless Youth Outcomes:** Outcomes are based on the district's performance as identified through the data and trends in the Self-Assessment. Outcomes should be expressed as desired changes within a program area to address the underlying conditions or factors as noted in the district's Self-Assessment. The outcomes must be related to the use of OCFS funding, and/or required areas of services by the social services district and Youth Bureau. List the district's outcomes for this program area and identify quantifiable indicators (measures) of the desired changes that you will use to track progress.

**OUTCOME 1:** Dutchess County will provide runaway and homeless youth and their families with opportunities to meet their needs for physical, social, moral, and emotional growth (LA6COM, Goal 62)

**OUTCOME 2:** Dutchess County will ensure the coordination of all available county resources for RH youth and their families.

1a. A minimum of 25 youth per year including runaway, homeless, PINS, JD, abused and neglected children will be provided a safe haven and case management . 1b. At least 100 runaway & homeless youth will be provided emergency housing and case management services in times of crisis through HRH's River Haven Shelter. 1c. At discharge from the shelter, 95% of the youth served will be re-united with their families or placed in an otherwise safe and appropriate residence. 1d. At least 85% of the youth served by HRH's river Haven Shelter will be diverted from 'out of home' placement through the juvenile justice, mental health or child welfare systems. 1e. At least 10 older homeless youth will reside in supervised transitional housing at HRH's River Haven Transitional Living Community (TLC) and participate in services to increase their self-sufficiency skills. 1f. At least 80% of the youth served by TLC will be living independently or in otherwise appropriate permanent housing and will be employed and/or attending an educational program at the time of discharge. 1g. HRH's River Haven Independent Living Support Program (ILSP) will provide at least 60 older homeless and at risk youth with case management services and other supports to help them increase self sufficiency skills, pursue educational/vocational training and/or employment goals, obtain needed services and secure/sustain appropriate housing. 1i. At discharge from ILSP, 75% of youth served will have safe, stable housing appropriate to their needs and will be employed and/or attending an educational program. 2a. The RHYSC and/or RHYA Serv

**Indicator 1a.** 100 youth including runaway, homeless, victims of alleged abuse, maltreatment or human trafficking, and/or PINS/JD youth in need of respite will receive short-term residential care and case management services through Hudson River Housing's OCFS certified RHYA emergency shelter known as River Haven.

**Indicator 1b.** At discharge from the shelter, 95% of the youth served will be re-united with their families or placed in an otherwise safe and appropriate residence.

**Indicator 1c.** At least 85% of the youth served by HRH's River Haven Shelter will be diverted from 'out of home' placement through the juvenile justice, mental health or child welfare systems.

**Indicator 1d.** HRH's River Haven Independent Living Support Program (ILSP) will provide at least 60 older homeless and at risk youth with case management services and other supports to help them increase self-sufficiency skills, pursue educational/vocational training and/or employment goals, obtain needed services and secure/sustain appropriate housing

**Indicator 1e.** At discharge from ILSP, 75% of youth served will have safe, stable housing appropriate to their needs and will be employed and/or attending an educational program. 1f

**Indicator 1f.** Though no longer operating an OCFS certified residential Transitional Independent Living Program, HRH will provide young adult specific, supported transitional housing for at least 9 homeless individuals between

the ages of 18 and 25.

**Indicator 2a.** The RHYSC and/or RHYA Service Provider will attend at least 75% of the ICP & DCHC meetings & share information about RHY needs & services at least annually.

**Indicator 2b.** RHY staff will be represented on the Probation Department's Court Involved Youth Committee, the Committee on Human Trafficking, DMH's Children's Services Providers' Committee and other local committees as needed to help ensure the needs of RH youth and their families are addressed in a coordinated manner

**Runaway and Homeless Youth Strategies to Achieve Outcomes:** Describe the strategies that will be implemented to achieve the identified outcomes, including those strategies that support your Child and Family Services PIP outcomes. Each strategy should include the timeframe for completion and designation of what agency(ies) or department(s) is/are responsible for implementation. Explain how OCFS-administered funding supports achievement of outcomes. Districts may incorporate outcomes from their Child and Family Services Program Improvement Plan (PIP). If the county receives RHYA funding, outcomes and strategies must be included and should address the coordination of available resources for runaway and homeless youth.

**Strategy 1a.** Dutchess County will ensure that runaway, homeless and other at risk have access to safe emergency housing, respite care and services by funding, supporting and monitoring Hudson River Housing's (HRH's) River Haven Shelter, a 12-bed NYS certified RHYA Part 1 emergency shelter (Under contract with DCFS, 4 RH beds will be reserved for voluntary respite care and 1 RH bed will be used to prevent and reduce detention stays.

**Strategy 1b.** To ensure older homeless youth have the support and opportunities needed to become self-sufficient, Dutchess County will fund, support and monitor HRH's River Haven Independent Living Support Program a RHYA Part II Non-Residential Case Management Program.

**Strategy 2a.** To ensure the coordination of all available resources for runaway and homeless youth and their families, the RHY Services Coordinator and/or RHY Service Providers will represent the needs of RHY population in County planning processes including the ICP & the DC Housing Consortium's Continuum of Care (CoC) homeless service plan.

**Strategy 2b.** RHY Services Coordinator will ensure that RHY have full access to educational services as entitled under the law.

#### **X - Adult Protective Services**

**Adult Protective Services Self-Assessment:** Describe the success and challenges the district has experienced since the last plan update in the program area. Noting the data and trends as identified in Appendix C, and the cumulative district consultations (Appendix B-1 through B-6), describe the underlying conditions or factors that influence your performance in meeting the needs of children, youth, adults and families (as applicable).

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**TARGET 1a.** An Adult Protective Services Team will be designated to conduct public information sessions about adult abuse to enable the public to better recognize and report on it.

**RESULT** Adult Services staff provided education outreach on PSA, Family Type Homes, and Housing Services to The Veterans Administration at Castle Point, Dutchess Community College, Taconic Resources for Independence and the Dutchess County Case Management Network Team. The Adult Services Director presented a PSA overview and participated in a panel discussion at the Annual World Elder Abuse Day June 2013. Staff members attended \*8 OFA Senior Picnics and provided information to hundreds of area seniors.

**TARGET 1b.** Adult Services will present difficult cases to an internal DCFS Case consultation Team.

**RESULT** Ten cases were presented to the case consultation team, which is represented by the Director, Case Supervisors and Case Managers.

**TARGET 2a.** Service providers will be invited to speak to DCFS staff

**RESULT** Adult Services hosted in-service overviews from The Dutchess County Department of Mental Hygiene Diversion Team, Dutchess County Mental Health Association, Dutchess County Veteran Affairs and Fidelis Care (managed care). Adult Services staff also attended multiple in-service presentations hosted by other Agency Divisions.

**TARGET 2b.** An Adult Services Supervisor will attend meetings of the Coalition on Elder Abuse to strengthen relationships with network providers.

**RESULT** The Adult Services Director or designee attended all monthly Coalition on Elder Abuse meetings. DCFS

Administration and Adult Services also provided oversight and review of the Mediation Center of Dutchess County, Coalition on Elder Abuse County Partnership Grant.

**TARGET 2c.** Director of Adult Services staff will attend all meetings of the Commissioner's Advisory committee which brings together a network of service providers

**RESULT** The Director of Adult Services attended the Commissioner Advisory Committee meetings and reported to Adult Services staff pertinent community services program developments.

**TARGET 2d.** The Supervisor of the DCFS Housing Unit and the Director of Adult Services will participate in Dutchess County Housing Consortium meetings and share information about housing opportunities with the DCFS Adult Services Unit.

**RESULT** The Case Supervisor and The Director of Adult Services attended Dutchess County Housing Consortium meetings and distributed housing information to Adult Services staff.

**TARGET 2e.** An Adult Services Supervisor will attend Council of Agencies Serving the Elderly (C.A.S.E.) meetings to expand network of supportive service providers of the elderly and provide PSA information to same providers.

**RESULT** A designated Case Supervisor attended C.A.S.E. meetings, provided PSA and DSS updates to network service providers and reported back to Adult Services staff on collateral services updates.

**TARGET 2f.** The Adult Services Director will initiate the development to a local Task Force on financial Exploitation of the vulnerable adult population to increase positive outcomes of investigation and/or prosecution of exploitation cases.

**RESULT** The Adult Services Director researched task force strategies used by other county PSA providers and refocused this goal in 2014 to include researching and identifying outcomes of local financial exploitation investigations and the development of community outreach strategies to gain support for local task force.

In 2013 the district received 633 Protective Services for Adults (PSA) referrals, completed 517 PSA assessments, managed 34 Guardianship cases, managed 88 Representative Payee Cases, and completed 251 Housing Services intakes. Comparatively, in 2014 the district received 608 PSA referrals, completed 522 PSA assessments, managed 29 Guardianship cases, managed 105 Representative Payee cases, and completed 194 Housing Services intakes. • In 2013, the district focused on documenting PSA inquiries and referrals as a means to accurately record referrals and reasons for PSA referral rejections. In 2013 82% of PSA referrals were assigned for assessment and in 2014 86% of PSA referrals were assigned for assessment. The total amount of PSA referrals remained relatively the same. There was a 15% reduction in Guardianship cases from 2013 to 2014, due to the closure of cases for reason of death, and an increase in appointments of approved court Guardians other than The Commissioner of The Department of Community and Family Services. Housing Services Intakes decreased 10% from 279 in 2012 to 251 in 2013. In 2014, where there were 194 new housing intakes which represented a 23% reduction from 2013. Total emergency housing expenditures for 2013 were \$2,168,106 compared to \$2,212,208 for 2014. Securing affordable housing remains a challenge.

The goal of Adult Protective Services is to assist individuals to remain safely in their homes' communities. This must always be a consideration. Often victims of abuse or financial exploitation are unwilling to report the perpetrators to the police fearing loss of their homes or the incarceration of a family member. Mental illness, substance abuse, ability to perform the activities of daily living must always be considered.

**Adult Protective Services Outcomes:** Outcomes are based on the district's performance as identified through the data and trends in the Self-Assessment. Outcomes should be expressed as desired changes within a program area to address the underlying conditions or factors as noted in the district's Self-Assessment. The outcomes must be related to the use of OCFS funding, and/or required areas of services by the social services district and Youth Bureau. Districts may incorporate outcomes from their Child and Family Services Program Improvement Plan (PIP). List the district's outcomes for this program area and identify quantifiable indicators (measures) of the desired changes that you will use to track progress. Districts are required to address at least two of the following State-determined adult services goals:

a. Impaired adults who self-neglect or are abused, neglected, or exploited by others will be identified, have their living situation thoroughly investigated, and be protected.

b. To pursue appropriate legal interventions to address situations where impaired adults are at risk of harm, are unable to make informed decisions, and are refusing necessary services.

c. To utilize multi-disciplinary community resources to improve assessments as well as develop service plans which reduce risk and protect adults.

d. To provide protective services in the least restrictive manner, respecting the adult's rights to self-determination and decision-making

**OUTCOME 1: Impaired adults who are abused, neglected or exploited by others will have their situation thoroughly investigated and be protected.**

**OUTCOME 2: DCFS will utilize multi-disciplinary community resources to improve assessments and to develop service plans which reduce risk and protect adults.**

**Indicator 1a. The Team will develop a training protocol and conduct five (5) sessions per year.**

**Indicator 1b. The Team will review a minimum of ten (10) difficult cases per year.**

**Indicator 2a. Eight (8) service providers will be invited to speak to staff to facilitate collaborative service plans (2 per year).**

**Indicator 2b. A Supervisor or Director will attend all meetings of the Coalition on Elder Abuse, provide updates at staff meetings and develop a resource/contact list for case manager use in servicing abuse cases.**

**Indicator 2c. Director of Adult Services staff will attend all meetings of the Commissioner's Advisory Committee (CAC), provide PSA updates to CAC members and provide PSA staff with written updates from CAC meetings to maintain current collaborative resources for service plans.**

**Indicator 2d. The Director or the Supervisor will attend all Housing Consortium meetings and report back to staff any programs services pertinent to housing needs of PSA population.**

**Indicator 2e. The Supervisor will attend all C.A.S.E. meetings and provide a report at monthly staff meetings. The Supervisor will share a list of C.A.S.E. resources with case managers.**

**Indicator 2f. The Adult Services Director will form an internal team at DCFS to outline Agency needs and targeted goals and objectives. The team will also investigate other task force models in the state with positive outcomes. The team will conduct community outreach and facilitate the formation of the task force meetings and develop a resource/contact list for case manager use in servicing abuse cases.**

**Adult Protective Services Strategies to Achieve Outcomes:** Describe the strategies that will be implemented to achieve the identified outcomes, including those strategies that support your Child and Family Services PIP outcomes. Each strategy should include the timeframe for completion and designation of what agency(ies) or department(s) is/are responsible for implementation. Explain how OCFS-administered funding supports achievement of outcomes.

**Strategy 1a. An Adult Protective Services Team will be designated to conduct public information sessions about adult abuse to enable the public to better recognize and report on it.**

**Strategy 1b. Adult Services will present difficult cases to an internal DCFS Case consultation Team.**

**Strategy 2a. Service providers will be invited to speak to DCFS staff**

**Strategy 2b. An Adult Services Supervisor will attend meetings of the Coalition on Elder Abuse to strengthen relationships with network providers.**

**Strategy 2c. Director of Adult Services staff will attend all meetings of the Commissioner's Advisory committee (CAC), provide PSA updates to CAC members and provide PSA staff with written updates from CAC meetings to maintain current collaborative**

**Strategy 2d. The Supervisor of the DCFS Housing Unit and the Director of Adult Services will participate in Dutchess County Housing Consortium meetings and share information about housing opportunities with the DCFS Adult Services Unit.**

**Strategy 2e. An Adult Services Supervisor will attend Council of Agencies Serving the Elderly (C.A.S.E.) meetings to expand network of supportive service providers of the elderly and provide PSA information to same providers.**

**Strategy 2f. The Adult Services Director will initiate the development to a local Task Force on financial Exploitation of the vulnerable adult population to increase positive outcomes of investigation and/or prosecution of exploitation cases.**

**Plan Monitoring**

Describe the methods and the processes that will be used by the district to verify and monitor the implementation of the Child and Family Services Plan and the achievement of outcomes.

The ICP Workgroup will monitor the status of the various strategies annually. The Youth Service's Child and Family Services Plan outcomes and strategies are reflected in the yearly Division's goals and shared with the Youth Board, Commissioner of DCFS and County Executive. The Youth Service's Child and Family Services Plan outcomes and strategies are reviewed annually and shared with the Youth Board and the Commissioner of DCFS. The summary of Funded OCFS Program Services Annual Outcomes is also shared. Brief updates are included in the Youth Services emails to contract agencies as needed. The annual status of the Youth Services are reported to the County Executive for his State of the County Address in January. The annual status of DCFS achievements is reported to the County Executive for his State of the County Address and achievements are disseminated to a wider audience with the Department's Annual report. DCFS Administrative Staff meeting minutes are sent to the CE, Legislature and DCFS Commissioner's Advisory Committee. Both DCFS and Youth Services goals and achievements are discussed during the course of the bi-monthly Health and Human Services Cabinet meetings. Opportunities to increase cross-system support and/or processes to improve outcomes for families and children will be studied are recommended to the County Executive. The Cabinet is involved in the long term project to incorporate outcome language into county direct contracted services. Probation shares bi-annually strategies achieved with the Juvenile Justice Committee.

### Priority Program Areas

**Priority Program Areas:** From the Self Assessment in the sections above, please identify the program areas that the district has determined to be priorities.

Overall our economic indicators have worsened since 2007 resulting in a significant increase in the number families under stress. Suicides continue to increase as identified by the Medical Examiner as well as the abuse of opiates. Exacerbating this is the loss of services in the community with Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital having closed its adolescent psychiatric beds and reducing its adult psychiatric beds, and Hudson River Psychiatric Center's closing in October 2011. Although the Adolescent Partial Hospitalization Program (PHP) offers an intensive treatment program designed to keep adolescents (ages 12 – 18), in the community and prevent inpatient hospitalization, children and youth requiring in-patient are placed in facilities outside the county causing disruptions for them and their families in treatment, support and long term planning options.

Domestic violence homicides increased during 2010 along with DV calls both to Emergency Response and provider hotlines. We must strive to prevent the loss of funding to existing services in this economic climate. Addressing transitioning youth successfully to adult services is still a need. The Youth Board and Coordinating Council have identified the following Life Areas (LA) and Services, Opportunities & Supports (SOS) as program priorities for the Division of Youth Services: LA Economic Security with SOS's career counseling, employment, GED prep, independent living skills, matching with employers for internships/work, resume and job search assistance, self-sufficiency skills development, vocational training, work readiness s; LA Physical & Emotional Health with SOS's athletic activities, case management/referrals, chronic disease prevention, counseling, nutrition food programs, recreational activities (both summer and year round), self-esteem workshops, suicide prevention/education; LA Education w SOS's academic services/educationally related services, dropout prevention, study skills; LA Citizenship/Civic Engagement with SOS's character education, community service/youth activism projects, cultural enrichment/awareness, JAB/Officer, leadership skills development, youth leadership/empowerment; LA Family with SOS's child abuse & neglect intervention and treatment, child abuse & neglect prevention/education programs to promote positive youth development, domestic violence prevention/education, family support, family violence prevention/education parenting skills, services for pregnant and parenting youth, stress management workshops; and LA Community with SOS's information dissemination, RHYA Part 1 emergency shelter, RHYA Part 2 TILPS supported residence, violence/crime/delinquency prevention activities, RHYA Part 2 non-residential case management. The main priority for Runaway and Homeless Youth is to maintain the current level and quality of services.

### Financing Process

Check If No Change in this Section

Describe the financing for the district's services.

- Include general information about the types of funds used (e.g. federal, State, local, TANF, or innovative funding approaches). Include new uses of TANF or Flexible Funds for Family Services for program services. Include any innovative approaches to funding or new uses of funds to support the service delivery system.
- If purchase of service agreements are used, describe the criteria and procedures used by the district for selecting providers for all child welfare, adult protective, and non-residential domestic violence purchase of services (e.g. RFP process, news releases on availability of funds, sister agencies panel).

Describe how purchase service contracts will be monitored.

- Describe procedures that will be used to ensure that the services being purchased are effective in meeting the outcomes as outlined in the contract and your plan. Include the frequency of monitoring, tools that will be used, and who will be involved.

## APPENDIX F

### Program Matrix

Each district will enter their Program Information into the Welfare Management System (WMS). Instructions for completing this process are located in the Plan Guidance Document. Answer the questions below related to the information you entered into the WMS system.

Are there changes to the services your county intends to provide during the County Planning Update cycle?

No  Yes

If there are changes to the services, please indicate what those changes are.

## APPENDIX N

### District Options

Districts have some flexibility to administer their child care subsidy programs to meet local needs. Check which options that your district wishes to include in your county plan. Complete the attached appendices for any area(s) checked.

1	<input type="checkbox"/>	The district has chosen to establish funding set-asides for NYSCCBG (complete Appendix O).
2	<input type="checkbox"/>	The district is using Title XX funds for the provision of child care services (complete Appendix P).
3	<input type="checkbox"/>	The district has chosen to establish additional local standards for child care providers (complete Appendix Q).
4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The district has chosen to make payments to child care providers for absences (complete Appendix R).
5	<input type="checkbox"/>	The district has chosen to make payments to child care providers for program closures (complete Appendix S).
6	<input type="checkbox"/>	The district has chosen to pay for transportation to and from a child care provider (complete Appendix T).
7	<input type="checkbox"/>	The district has chosen to pay up to 15% higher than the applicable market rates for regulated child care services that have been accredited by a nationally recognized child care organization (complete Appendix T).
8	<input type="checkbox"/>	The district has chosen to pay up to 15% higher than the applicable market rates for non-traditional hours (complete Appendix T).
9	<input type="checkbox"/>	The district has chosen to pay a payment rate that is in excess of the enhanced market rate, up to 75%, for legally-exempt family and in-home child care providers who have completed 10 hours of training, which has been verified by the Legally-Exempt Caregiver Enrollment Agency (complete Appendix T).
10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The district has chosen to pay for child care services while a caretaker who works the second or third shift sleeps (complete Appendix T).
11	<input type="checkbox"/>	The district has chosen to make payments to child care providers who provide child care services, which exceed 24 consecutive hours (complete Appendix U).

12	<input type="checkbox"/>	The district has chosen to include 18-, 19- or 20-year-olds in the Child Care Services Unit (complete Appendix U)
13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The district is seeking a waiver from one or more regulatory provisions. Such waivers are limited to those regulatory standards that are not specifically included in law (complete Appendix U).
14	<input type="checkbox"/>	The district has chosen to pay for breaks in activity for low income families (non public assistance families). Complete Appendix U.
15	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The district has chosen to use local equivalent forms such as, but not limited to, child care application and/or client notification forms(attach copies of the local equivalent forms your district uses). A district electing to use the child care only application that was included as part of 03-OCFS-INF-07 must inform the Division of Child Care Services prior to using the application.
<p><i>Any previous approvals for local equivalent forms will not be carried forward into this county plan. Therefore, any local equivalent forms a district wishes to establish or renew must be included in this plan and will be subject to review and approval by OCFS.</i></p>		

## APPENDIX R

### Payment to Child Care Providers for Absences

The following providers are eligible for payment for program absences (check all that are eligible):

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Day Care Center       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Legally-Exempt Group  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Group Family Day Care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> School Age Child Care |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family Day Care       |   |

The district will only pay for absences to providers with which the district has a contract or letter of intent.

No

Base period.

3 months

Number of absences allowed during base period:

Period	Routine Limits (# of days)	Extenuating Circumstances (# of days)	Total Number of Absences Allowed (# of days)
In a month	12	3	15
Base period	12	8	20

List reasons for routine absences for which the district will allow payment:

Illness of the adult or child or a temporary crisis

List any limitations on the above providers' eligibility for payment for absences:

Payment will only be made when the provider charges all customers the same rates with absences

**Note:** Legally-exempt family child care and in-home child care providers are **not** allowed to be reimbursed for absences.

## APPENDIX T

### Transportation, Differential Payment Rates, Enhanced Market Rate for Legally-Exempt and In-Home Providers, and Sleep

Transportation

Describe any circumstances and limitations your district will use to reimburse for transportation. Include what type of transportation will be reimbursed (public vs. private) and how much your district will pay (per mile or trip). Note that if the district is paying for transportation, the Program Matrix in WMS should reflect this choice.

### Differential Payment Rates

Indicate the percentage above the market rate your district has chosen.

- Accredited programs may receive a differential payment up to \_\_\_\_\_ % above market rate.
- Care during non-traditional hours may be paid up to \_\_\_\_\_ % above market rate.

Limitations to the above differentials

Payments may not exceed 15% above market rate. However, if your district wishes to establish a payment rate that is more than 15% above the applicable market rate, describe below why the 15% maximum is insufficient to provide access within the district to accredited programs and/or care provided during non-traditional hours.

### Enhanced Market Rate for Legally-Exempt Family and In-Home Child Care Providers

Indicate if the district is electing to establish a payment rate that is in excess of the enhanced market rate for legally-exempt family and in-home child care providers who have annually completed 10 or more hours of training and the training has been verified by the legally-exempt caregiver enrollment agency.

- No.
- Yes. Our market rate will not exceed 75% of the child care market rate established for registered family day care.

### Sleep

The following describes the standards that will be used in evaluating whether or not to pay for child care services while a parent or caretaker that works a second or third shift sleeps, as well as any limitations pertaining to payment:

The district will pay for childcare while a parent or caretaker relative works a second or third shift when the parent or caretaker relative requests it and the Day Care Unit Director and the Deputy Commissioner determine that it is necessary to allow him/her to get a minimum of 6 hours sleep per day.

Indicate the number of hours allowed by your district (maximum number of hours allowed is eight). 8

## APPENDIX U

### Child Care Exceeding 24 Hours, Child Care Services Unit, Waivers and Breaks in Activities

#### Child Care Exceeding 24 Hours

Child Care services may exceed 24 consecutive hours when such services are provided on a short-term emergency basis or in other situations where the caretaker's approved activity necessitates care for 24 hours on a limited basis.

Check below under what circumstances the district will pay for child care exceeding 24 hours.

- On a short-term or emergency basis
- The caretaker's approved activity necessitates care for 24 hours on a limited basis

Describe any limitations for payment of child care services that exceed 24 consecutive hours.

#### Child Care Services Unit (CCSU)

Indicate below if your district will include 18-, 19-, or 20-year-olds in the CCSU, which is used in determining family size and countable family income.

The district will include the following in the CCSU (check all that apply).

- 18-year-olds
- 19-year-olds
- 20-year-olds

OR

The district will only include the following in the CCSU when it will benefit the family (check all that apply)

- 18-year-olds
- 19-year-olds
- 20-year-olds

Describe the criteria your district will use to determine whether or not 18-, 19-, or 20-year olds are included in the CCSU.

**Waivers**

Districts have the authority to request a waiver of any regulatory provision that is non-statutory. Describe and justify why your district is requesting a waiver.

DCDCFS requesting waiver approval for the following regulatory requirements under Part 404 and child care services regulation under Part 415 of Title 18 of the official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York so that Dutchess County can encourage participation in the Early Head Start Child Care Partnership BSF program by allowing flexibility in areas that will promote continuity of service for children.

Flexibility in eligibility periods: For BSF participants only, waive 18 NYCRR sec. 404.1(d) which requires that redetermination be made not less frequently than every 12 months. The waiver will allow districts to match child care eligibility periods to the Early Head Start Child Care Partnership program period regardless of disruption in the parent's eligibility. This waiver applies only to the children participating in an Early Head Start-Partnership Babies Step Forward (BSF) program and not to other children who may be receiving child care services in the same household. If there are other children receiving child care subsidies in the same household, changes impacting eligibility MUST be reported to DCDCFS.

Flexibility in reporting changes in family circumstances: For BSF participants only, waive 18 NYCRR sec. 415.3(b) which requires applicants and recipients to report immediately any change in financial circumstances, living arrangements, employment, household composition, or other circumstances that affect the family's need or eligibility for child care services.

This waiver would relax the income documentation/verification requirement and revise the redetermination process to relax/eliminate the need for parents to report even small changes in their circumstances that lead to a loss of eligibility for child care. This waiver would pertain if the parent only\* has a child or children participating in an Early Head Start Partnership BSF program. This waiver would NOT apply to households that move out of Dutchess County. The household MUST inform DCDCFS when it moves out of Dutchess County. \*Households with additional children in the household receiving subsidies who are not participating in the Early Head Start BSF program would continue to be required to report all changes impacting eligibility.

Potential adverse impact: Some eligible households may be denied child care subsidies but only if all funding for the Low Income Subsidy program is exhausted and no other funding is available.

**Breaks in Activities**

Districts may pay for child care services for low income families during breaks in activities either for a period not to exceed two weeks or for a period not to exceed four weeks when child care arrangements would otherwise be lost and the subsequent activity is expected to begin within that period. Indicate below if your district will make such payments (check one).

Two weeks  Four weeks

Districts may provide child care services while the caretaker is waiting to enter an approved activity or employment or on a break between approved activities. The following low income families are eligible for child care services during a break in activities (check any that are eligible):

Entering an activity  Waiting for employment  On a break between activities

<b>APPENDIX V</b>		
<b>Persons In Need of Supervision (PINS) Diversion Services</b>		
This appendix refers to the PINS Diversion population only. Complete sections 1 through 4 for PINS Diversion population only.		
<b>Section 1: Designation of Lead Agency (check one):</b>		
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Probation <input type="radio"/> LDSS		
<b>Section 2: Inventory of PINS Diversion Service Options</b>		
Describe below the current inventory of available community services within each category below for the PINS Diversion population. For each service, include the geographic area (countywide or specific cities or towns). Please note that the first three service categories are required.		
<b>Service Category</b>	<b>Geographic Area</b>	<b>Service Gap</b>
a. Residential Respite – Required	Hudson River Housing Inc.: River Haven	No

	provides emergency housing and support services for runaway and homeless youth and young people who can otherwise benefit from short-term/respite housing due to family conflict/emergency, risk of court placement, or other issues. The River Haven Shelter is certified by NYS to house youth ages 10 through 17. Staff are available 24/7 to handle requests for housing, and provide related services including: referrals, information, counseling and crisis intervention for adolescents and their families. River Haven serves all of Dutchess County.	
b. Crisis Intervention 24 hours/day -- Required	Office of Probation: Mon., Wed., 9:00a.m.-6:00p.m., Thurs. and Tues. 8:00a.m.-6:30p.m., Friday 8:00a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Other days/hours: Dutchess County Department of Mental Hygiene HELPLINE for mental health emergencies and River Haven Shelter for respite and housing emergencies. All are available to all of Dutchess County 24/7.	No
c. Diversion Services/other alternatives to detention – Required	Dutchess County Office of Probation, Diversion Services, Alternatives to Detention including: Pre-trial Services, Electronic Monitoring, Curfew Monitoring, and JRISC are available on a pre-trial basis as an alternative to detention. These services are available county wide. Dutchess County	No
d. Alternative Dispute Resolution Services – Optional	No longer available on site. Families can still be referred for this service off site and they will be charged a fee for service.	Yes
e. Other: Other: Functional Family Therapy (FFT)	No longer available on site. Families can still be referred for this service off site and they will be charged a fee for service.	-
f. Other:		No

**Section 3: PINS Diversion Procedures**

Please provide a description of any changes that have been made to these procedures since the submission of your last comprehensive plan, including any collaborative team processes

PINS Diversion Services Protocol	Responsible Agency(ies)	Brief Description of How Provided
a. Provides an immediate response to youth and families in crisis (includes 24 hours a day response capability)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probation <input type="checkbox"/> LDSS <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (name) River Haven	Families can contact the Dutchess County Office of Probation and Community Corrections Monday, Wednesday and Fridays between the hours of 9:00a.m. and 5:00p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 8:30a.m. and 6:30 p.m. for an immediate response to families and youth in need of services. On days and times outside of those hours, families can contact the River Haven Shelter or, for psychiatric emergencies, the Dutchess County Department of Mental Hygiene Helpline. The River Haven Shelter can provide respite services and the Emergency Department located at St. Francis Hospital can provide emergency psychiatric services. The local police agencies can be contacted in situations where violence is present.
b. Determines the		If a family is in crisis, the probation officer engages any

<p>need for residential respite services and need for alternatives to detention</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Probation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LDSS</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (name)</p> <p>Asst. Conty Attorneys</p>	<p>combination of a member of the Collaborative Solutions Team, the Sr. Probation Officer and/or Unit Administrator of the Family Court Diversion Unit to meet with the family immediately at the office, home or school. They assess if the youth or family member requires an emergency psychiatric evaluation or respite housing either at the River Haven shelter or with an appropriate friend or family member.</p> <p>We currently use the YASI Detention tab if any case is forwarded to Family Court. We have an array of alternative to detention options which are considered for any youth who scores medium or high on the detention tab. Unfortunately, it is our understanding that the DRAI tool is only to be used for JD youth.</p>
<p>c. Serves as intake agency – accepts referral for PINS diversion services, conducts initial conferencing, and makes PIN eligibility determinations</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LDSS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Both</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (name)</p>	<p>initial interview schedules the initial conference. In cases of emergencies, the Sr. Probation Officer or Unit Administrator will make arrangements for the family to be seen immediately by the appropriate staff. This may include a member of the Collaborative Solutions Team when indicated</p> <p>All youth under the age of 18 who fit the legal criteria of a PINS will be considered for diversion services. The Sr. Probation Officer of the Dutchess County Office of Probation and Community Corrections Family Court Intake/Diversion Unit will review all complaints to determine if they meet eligibility requirements. If questionable, the Unit Administrator will review the complaint for a final determination.</p> <p>Every potential respondent shall qualify for adjustment services. Exceptions to this would include the respondent's refusal to cooperate with adjustment services or a run away. In these cases, every effort will be made to locate and engage the potential respondent so as to avoid a petition to court. Family Court is used as a last resort when diversion efforts are unsuccessful.</p>
<p>d. Conducts assessment of needs, strengths, and risk for continuing with PIN behavior</p> <p>Name of assessment instrument used:</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LDSS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Both</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (name)</p>	<p>At intake, a YASI pre-screen is completed. As research is clear that low-risk youth are better served in a non-juvenile justice setting, low risk youth TANF eligible may be referred to the Dutchess County Youth Services Unit for services. A full YASI assessment is completed on all medium and high risk youth who have agreed to diversion services. Upon signed consent from parent(s) and youth, a MAYS! screening is also conducted for the purpose of determining any mental health issues that would indicate the need for further evaluation on an emergency basis or for linkages to a mental health provide.r</p>
<p>e. Works with youth and family to develop case plan</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> LDSS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Both</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other (name)</p>	<p>For moderate and high risk youth the assigned probation officer will develop a case plan based on the needs and strengths identified by the YASI. The family will take an active part in the case planning process and will sign off on the plan. The case plan must be specific and measurable and correlate to the assessment. YASI updates will be conducted at 90 day intervals and at closing to measure progress. Should risk levels increase or protective factors decrease, a plan to address these factors must be noted in the case plan.</p>
<p>f. Determines</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probation</p>	<p>All medium and high risk cases that are accepted for PINS</p>

service providers and makes referrals	<input type="checkbox"/> LDSS <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (name) Collaborative Solutions Team	Diversion services are presented to the Intake Review Committee, which is comprised of the Collaborative Solutions Team, Probation supervisor/designee, Astor clinical supervisor and JRISC therapist, to match needs with services including, but not limited to, J-RISC, FFT, Astor Services for Families and Children, Lexington Center for Recovery and the Collaborative Solutions Team. The Intake Review Committee meets weekly to review all cases.
g. Makes case closing determination	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probation <input type="checkbox"/> LDSS <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Other (name)	Cases where the goals of the case plan have been met shall be considered for successful case closure. In these instances, the probation officer submits the YASI reassessment with a summary of the youth's progress to the Sr. Probation Officer or Unit Administrator. In instances where the case has not been successfully diverted and the probation officer in consultation with the Sr. Probation Officer or Unit Administrator determines that diversion efforts have been exhausted and that there is no substantial likelihood that the youth and family would benefit from continued services, a petition may be submitted to Family Court. Unless there are emergency circumstances, generally there is a meeting with the supervisor, probation officer and family and/or consultation with Collaborative Solutions Team members prior to final determination for a petition to be filed.

Section 4: PINS Diversion Services Plan

**Development of PINS Diversion Services Plan and MOU**

**A. Planning activities – Briefly describe all PINS Diversion Services Planning activities the county has engaged in related to this current plan.**

The ICP Committee continues to meet as does the Court Involved Youth Committee and the Juvenile Justice Committee.

List stakeholder and service agency involvement in planning.

Dutchess County Department of Social Services: Attends the ICP, Court Involved Youth and Juvenile Justice Committees Dutchess County Office of

Probation: Attends the ICP, Court Involved Youth and Juvenile Justice Committees.

Hudson River Housing, River Haven: Attends the ICP, Court Involved Youth and Juvenile Justice Committees.

Dutchess County Division of Youth Services: Attends ICP, Court Involved Youth Committee and Juvenile Justice Committee

Astor Community Based Services: Attend the Court Involved Youth Committee and Juvenile Justice Committee

Dutchess County Attorney's Office: Attends the Court Involved Youth and Juvenile Justice Committees

City of Poughkeepsie Police Department Attends the Juvenile Justice Committee

Community Representative Attends the Juvenile Justice Committee

Attorney: Kent Pritchard: Attends the Court Involved Youth Committee

Family Court Personnel: Attend the Court Involved Youth Committee

Non-Secure Detention Provider: Attends the Court Involved Youth Committee

Mental Health America: Attends the ICP meetings

**B. Please define the PINS Diversion population in your county for 2013. Specifically, please provide the following as whole numbers (not %):**

1. Number of PINS Diversion referrals filed by parents:

145

2.Number of PINS Diversion referrals by schools:		
132		
3.Number of PINS Diversion referrals other sources:		
53		
4.Number of PINS Diversion cases closed as Successfully Diverted:		
202		
5.Number of PINS Diversion cases closed as Unsuccessful and Referred to Petition:		
57		
6. Identify any <b>aggregate</b> needs assessment conclusions and/or priorities regarding the PINS Diversion Population that have been developed as part of the planning process.		
We continue to use the YASI data to examine the numbers of high risk youth entering our system and to determine dynamic risk reduction and dynamic protective factor increase at the time of closing. We also continue to use this data to assess the efficacy of programs and to match youth with the greatest risk and needs to our more highly structured programs.		
Please identify the intended outcomes to be achieved for the PINS Diversion population. For each outcome:		
a. In the first column, identify quantifiable and verifiable outcomes of the desired change in conditions or behaviors for the PINS Diversion population.		
b. In the second column, identify the specific raw number or percentage change indicator sought for that outcome.		
c. In the third column, <b>describe the strategies</b> to be implemented to achieve the identified indicator and outcome. Each strategy should include the timeframe for completion, and a designation of who is responsible for implementation.		
Identify Outcome (For PINS Diversion Population)	Specify Indicator (Expressed as a raw number or % change )	Strategy/Plan to achieve (Who, what, and when)
Item 1  OUTCOME 1: Families, including nuclear, extended and adoptive families are strengthened and supported so they are able to raise, nurture, and ensure their children's connections to their heritage and in planning for their children's futures and Dutchess County will provide PINS Diversion youth and their families with opportunities to help them meet their needs for physical, social, moral and emotional growth such that 80% of PINS complaints received do not result in a petition to Family Court	Item 1 80	Item 1  1. The Dutchess County Office of Probation will operate a Diversion Unit that provides intake, assessment services and case planning services for families that target criminogenic areas of need and risk and utilize a strength-based approach to increase protective factors and reduce dynamic risk. 2. The Dutchess County Office of Probation will use the pre-screen YASI to identify low risk youth who can be diverted from PINS Intake 3. When a recommendation for out of home placement is being considered, the case will be reviewed by the Dispositional Review Team. 4. Dutchess County Office of Probation will continue to refer appropriate families to River Haven's Respite Program. 5. DC Probation in its leadership role on the Juvenile Justice Committee will oversee the accomplishments of the DSS/ Probation MOU and track the number of PINS youth placed in DSS custody. 6. DC Probation will participate in the Juvenile Justice Committee and the Court Involved Youth Committee to look at processes, procedures.
Item 2  OUTCOME 2: Dutchess County will assist youth in assuming personal responsibility for their behavior and refraining from violence so that 75% of youth served are diverted.	Item 2 75	Item 2  1. For school-filed PINS complaints DC Probation will meet with the family, school official/s, probation officer to give an opportunity for the school and family to present issues of concern and to come to an agreement on strategies to address the issues. 2. DC Probation Officers who have been trained as facilitators of cognitive/behavioral curriculums will implement the Crossroads

		<p>curriculum, which is cognitive/behavioral curriculum with a focus on life skills. 3. Collaborative Solutions Team members and one Probation Officer will provide Functional Family Therapy at the Office of Probation on a part-time basis. 4. The Dutchess County Office of Probation will provide curfew monitoring services when funding is available. 5. The Dutchess County Office of Probation will provide electronic monitoring services</p>
Item 3	Item 3	Item 3



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**READ THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION BELOW AND SIGN AT THE BOTTOM**

**PENALTIES** – Your application may be investigated. By signing this agreement you are consenting to cooperate in such investigation. **Federal and State laws provide for penalties of fine, imprisonment or both if you do not tell the truth when you apply for Child Care Services;** or at any time when you are questioned about your eligibility; or if you cause someone else not to tell the truth regarding your application or continuing eligibility. Penalties also apply if you conceal or fail to disclose facts regarding your initial or continuing eligibility for Child Care Services; or if you conceal or fail to disclose facts that would affect the right of someone for whom you have applied to obtain or continue to receive Child Care Services; and such Child Care Services must be used for the other person and not yourself. It is unlawful to obtain Child Care Services by concealing information or providing false information.

**CHANGES** – I agree to inform the agency **immediately** of any change in my needs, income, property, living arrangement or address to the best of my knowledge or belief.

I agree to inform the agency **immediately** of any change in child care arrangements, including where child care is provided, who is providing care, providers fees, and hours for which child care is needed.

**CONSENT** – I understand that by signing this application form I agree to any investigation made by the Department of Social Services to verify or confirm the information I have given or any other investigation made by them in connection with my request for Child Care Services. If additional information is requested I will provide it.

**NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE** – **This application will be considered without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religious creed, national origin or political belief.**

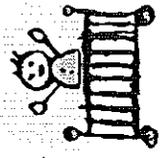
**CERTIFICATION OF CITIZENSHIP/ALIEN STATUS FOR CHILD CARE SERVICES** – **I swear and affirm under penalties of perjury, that all children who are seeking child care services** \_\_\_\_\_ **are**

*(List the names of all the children who need child care services)*

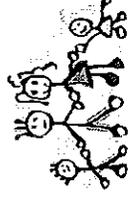
**United States (U.S.) citizens or nationals or persons with satisfactory immigration status.** I understand that information about my household may be submitted to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) for verification of immigration status, if applicable. I further understand that the use or disclosure of information about household members including myself who are applying for or receiving Child Care Services is restricted to persons and organizations directly connected with the verification of immigration status and the administration or enforcement of provisions of the Child Care Services program.

**CERTIFICATION:** I swear and/or affirm under the penalties of perjury that the information I have given or will give to the local Social Services district is correct.

APPLICANT/REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED	HUSBAND/WIFE SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED
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*Please return to the address below:*  
**Dutchess County Dept. of Social Services**  
60 Market Street  
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601  
**Phone: 486-3140 Fax: 486-3142**



## CHILD CARE EMPLOYMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION I – EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Please provide the following information regarding your employer:

Employers Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION II – EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Please provide the following information regarding your employment:

How many hours are you scheduled to work each week? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many hours per day? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many days per week? \_\_\_\_\_  
What shift are you scheduled to work (i.e. 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.?) \_\_\_\_\_  
What is your rate of pay per hour? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you receive tips? \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_  
Does your employer offer you overtime opportunities? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate travel time to work \_\_\_\_\_

### SECTION III – CHILD CARE INFORMATION

Please provide the following information regarding your child care provider:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Weekly child care costs: \_\_\_\_\_

On days when your child/children are not in school, please indicate their times in care: (i.e. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)  
\_\_\_\_\_

On days when your child/children are in school, please indicate their times in care:  
(i.e. 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m./3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) Include part-time childcare costs  
\_\_\_\_\_

**The above information is true and accurate. I understand that I must notify my child care subsidy worker of any changes in employment immediately in writing.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## DAY CARE SUBSIDY POLICY STATEMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand that I must follow the procedures listed below in order to remain eligible for a day care subsidy.

You must be employed and working on a regular basis. On a day when one parent is not working, the Dutchess County Department of Social Services will not pay for day care.

You must report all changes within ten days. This includes, but is not limited to: changes in employment status from full-time to part-time or the reverse; changes in gross monthly total income (wages, child support, social security or any other earned or unearned income); changes in household composition; changes in address.

You must report any change in the use of a day care provider such as a child no longer attending or a child changing providers.

If you are out of work for six weeks or less due to a disability, your children cannot attend day care at the County's expense. If you return to work within six weeks, however, your subsidy will be reinstated.

If you are laid off from your job and report it immediately, the Department will pay for day care for the hours that you are searching for another job. This will continue for up to 30 days. After that, you will lose your slot and have to reapply for day care if the need arises.

Non-compliance with any of the above can result in suspension or termination of your day care subsidy. Collection and/or prosecution will also be pursued, if appropriate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Worker's Signature

1/27/15