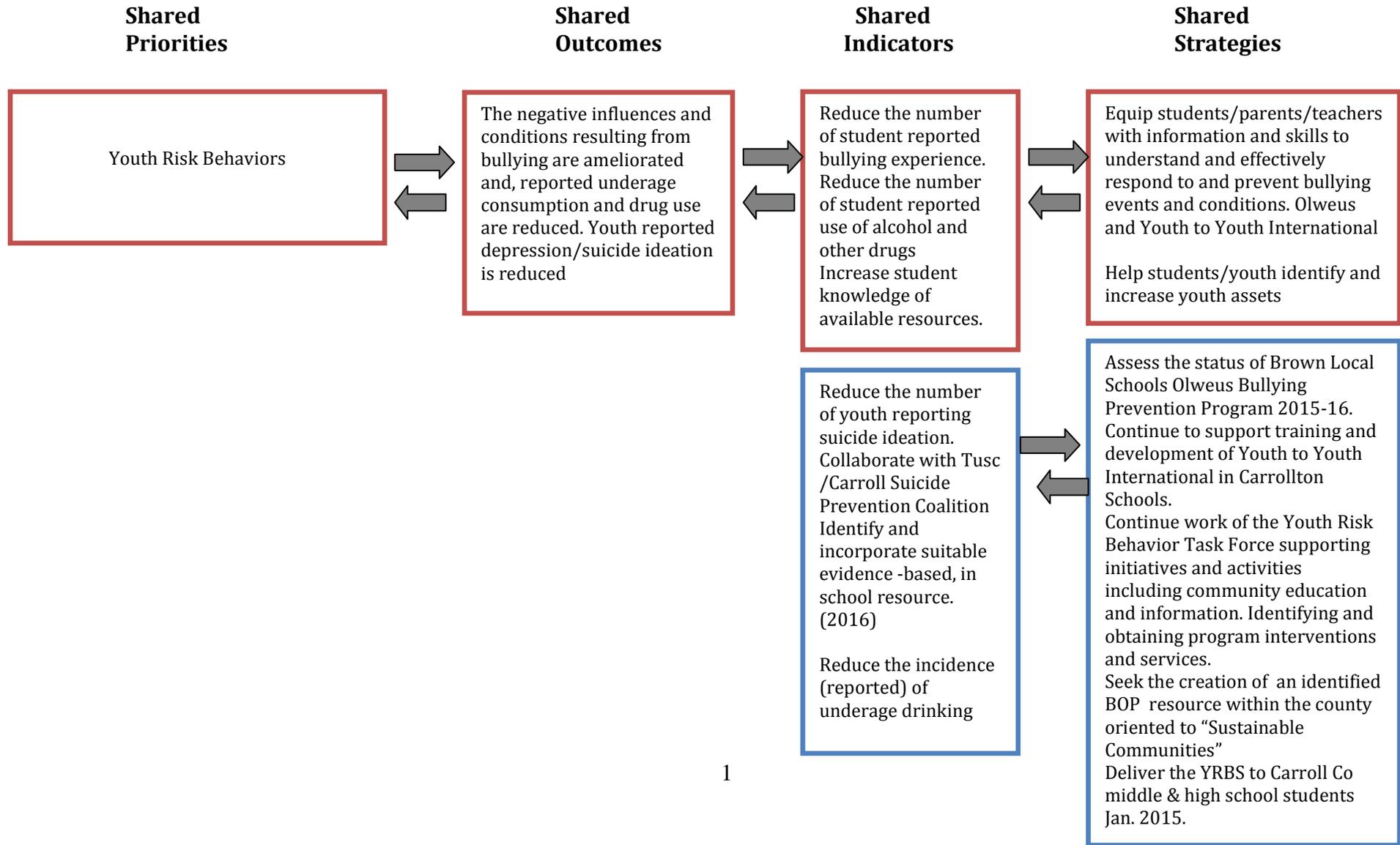


Carroll County Family and Children First Council Shared Plan for SFYs 12-16

Shared Plan Update for SFY 16

Current FCFC Initiatives: Service Coordination; Youth Risk Behaviors; Family Centered Services and Supports; Ohio Children's Trust Fund; Building Data Collection Capacity; 2nd Cohort ENGAGE.



Were there any modifications from last year's plan? Yes X No

If yes, please identify the types of changes made by checking the appropriate boxes below:

Priorities: Suicide ideation/depression along with increasing awareness of youth assets are added to priorities addressed by the YRB Task Force

Outcomes: Include reduction of underage consumption of alcohol and other drugs.

Indicators: As the Olweus program is introduced and the comparative (to YRBS 2009) analysis of the 2012 Youth Risk Behavior Survey is complete, there will be adjustments/additions to the Indicators. The 2012 YRBS results have identified continued concern relating to underage consumption and alarming reports of suicide ideation and attempts. The suicide data for Carroll County is higher than reported in Ohio statewide and is higher than the national statistics. This information will focus more attention on these behaviors in terms of developing and introducing more specific and directed interventions that will positively impact the incidence findings. The 2015 YRBS was provided early in 2015 with the results and analysis provided by the Northeast Ohio Medical University. Future applications of a youth risk assessment will be directed to the OhYes offered on a statewide basis to 7th through 12th grade students. The transition survey may not take place until 2019.

Strategies: Previously, some strategies were accomplished (In school assemblies and information sessions offered to student and parents ("Bully Proofing", Jim Bisenius), a county directory of resources was published and distributed. The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program was developed and introduced in the Brown Local School District taking efforts to a more ongoing and comprehensive level. The program enjoys support from the Stark County Educational Service Center as well as direct services and consultation from school-based mental health services. An overview and evaluation of the Brown Local Program will occur during the 2015-16 school year in as much as there does appear to a diminished application and enthusiasm toward the program. Some effort to determine the causes and future of the program are indicated. 2-1-1 Information and Referral Services were launched in the county spring of 2013. The County is not represented by a United Way, however, the project was undertaken by the Carroll County FCFC resulting in a contractual relationship with the Greater Stark County United Way and its 2-1-1 Call Center. In 2015 2.1.1 agreed to represent the call center on site once week in Carroll County to provide face to face interview to determine eligibility for funds donated to the Greater Stark United Way for emergency purposes. The Carroll County Anti-Drug Coalition identified underage consumption as the Coalition's priority, thereby addressing education and information resources while engaging Council stakeholder members and the community at large in collaborative approaches to the county's substance abuse (under age consumption) issues. In collaboration with the Council's Youth Risk Behavior Task Force and members, Personal & Family Counseling Services, Anti-drug Coalition, Carrollton schools, a youth-led intervention program (Youth to Youth International) has undergone development and training with application within the district beginning the 2014-2015 school years. This initiative is expected to continue and expand during the 2015-16 school year. Significant programming and support has been realized from a private/non-profit mental health agency, Personal and Family Counseling Services that has inspired increased student participation in the substance abuse programs in the school. Opportunities for student training, development of anti-drug messages through plays and skits presented to the community and to student assemblies have added to the success of the prevention efforts during 2014 and 15 and are expected to expand and develop in the 2015-16 school year

1. Identify any barriers in implementing the plan (i.e. data collection, data tracking, funding, infrastructure, etc.)

The barrier most often confronting the progress is applying the information derived from our data resources to the strategy that is most likely to cause the desired outcome. Identifying what is often evidence-based programs limit the ability to implement due to available capacity and funding. Strained agency budgets have weakened shared funding projects. Efforts to secure funds from grants and philanthropic organizations will need to increase. A successful HealthPath grant has helped to bring the Olweus program to Brown Local Schools. Even more significantly, collaboration with the Stark County ESC and its Olweus initiative made the Olweus Program a reality in Brown Local Schools. Collaborations offering staff from mental health provider and resources and program support from schools are making the Youth to Youth project a reality. The 2015 Youth Risk Behavior Survey was administered earlier in the school year (January 2015). In largess, because of a number of anomalies identified in the results from the high school surveys, additional time has been required to analyze the results in an effort to assure the efficacy and validity of the findings. To date, we are waiting for the analysis and results of the 2015 YRBS.

2. Identify any successes/how implementing this plan has worked to strengthen the council and county collaboration.

Focusing on Youth Risk behaviors has prioritized our data efforts and generated a consensus among Council membership around efforts that favorably respond to youth risk behavior. 2-1-1 Information and Referral service was launched in Carroll County Spring of 2013. The Carroll County FCFC coordinated the initiative absent a United Way in the county. The Council has contracted with the Greater Stark County United Way 2-1-1 Call Center to provide responses to the calls. The Olweus Bullying Prevention Program was developed and implemented in the Brown Local School District. The project involved the support of the Stark County Educational Service Center, mental health services, Malone University, and of course the Brown Local Schools. A Bullying Prevention Program is anticipated in a second District during SFY 14. The Council has identified a Youth Risk Behavior Task Force consisting of parents, community members, professionals, representatives of Council members, and youth. The Task Force is addressing a plan to engage and obtain community buy-in and identify evidence-based programs and strategies that will improve the indicator data. The Task Force continues to meet monthly toward meeting their objectives. Implementation of a Youth to Youth International youth-led intervention is the result of a collaboration of community systems and agencies.

Report on Indicator Data (Provide data for each outcome indicator listed on the Shared Plan. List only ONE outcome per page. This page can be duplicated as needed). 2015 YRBS data are pending.

Shared Outcome: **THE NEGATIVE INFLUENCES AND CONDITIONS RELATED TO BULLYING ARE AMELIORATED**

Indicator(s):	Baseline Data	Current Year Data	Direction of Change (+, -, NC)
Youth self reported incidence of bullying	Data: 47% Carroll Co Middle school students Year of Data: 2009	Data: 40% Carroll Co Middle school students Year of Data: 2012	(-) 7%
Youth self-reported under age consumption	Data: 79% High School students	Data: 69% High School Students	(-) 10%

	Year of Data: 2009	Year of Data: 2012	
Youth reported assets (adult to turn to) Reporting 0 or 1 adult	Data: 34% of High School students Year of Data: 2009	Data: 45% High School Students Year of Data: 2012	(+) 11%
Number of Youth who have considered suicide	Data: 142 High School Students (15%) Year of Data: 2009	Data: 161 High School Students (23%) [1 out 4 students consider suicide. 129 students reported suicide <u>attempt</u>] Year of Data: 2012	(+) 19 students

3. List the data source(s) for the indicator(s):

Carroll County Youth Risk Behavior Survey

4. Identify any key findings (explanation of data findings; FCFC actions taken in response to key findings, etc.):

The data has directed an initiative to implement an ongoing bullying prevention program (Olweus). The 2012 data has indicated a need to prioritize efforts relating to depression and suicide in teenage youth as well as underage alcohol consumption. Information obtained directly from youth reacting to the data information has identified approaches and interventions that may have the most positive impact and influence on their peers. Comparative analysis of the Risk Behaviors creating priority concern (bullying, alcohol consumption, suicide ideation, and youth assets)... as one may deduce, all have shown strong inter-relationships. This is particularly related to drug and alcohol use among teens. Youth participation is a considered part of planning and development with virtually all aspects of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey information and planning. As such, planning and programming has been a part of the activities associated with the YRB Task Force.

A significant finding within the literature identifies the association of economic hardships confronting families and the risk it tends to place on family (children and youth) health and well-being, including increased youth risk behaviors. Family discords, educational lag and failure, job stress, behavioral and other health related conditions are often present in families experiencing generational poverty. The Council has decided to seek a greater understanding of poverty and its effect on community and families, thus identifying a Council shared plan relating to the Youth Risk Behavior priority. Bridges Out of Poverty training was provided and attended by 55 community members in early June 2014. The objective is to sustain the Bridges initiative toward a “Bridges Informed Community.” Toward that end, “Bridges to Sustainable Communities” workshop was presented by author, Phil DeVol on September 24, 2014.

The analysis of the YRB Survey data is ongoing has been provided through Carroll Co Health Dept. The council previously received the collaborative resource of the Carroll County Health District’s epidemiologist, Dr. Madhav Bhatta, Kent State University, to provide us with analysis of the risk behavior data. The 3rd YRBS took place in January 2015 in an attempt to avoid end of the school year activities and

responsibilities that tended to complicate scheduling. Also, the survey results and analysis is being provided by the Northeast Ohio Medical University. As of the date of this report (although the final data and analysis is anticipated any day now) we have not received the report of the 2015 YRBS results.

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