

APPENDIX B

SELF-ASSESSMENT OF COMMUNITY LEVEL OUTCOME INDICATORS

For the FY 2011/12 ICSP, all counties are to review their county level performance on indicators listed in the Community Level Outcome Indicator Framework shown below. Counties should then complete the worksheet on Page 17 for at least two indicators, counties can choose the same indicators as last year and update their progress on these indicators or choose two new indicators to focus on this planning year. The goal is to give each county a chance to see how they compare to their peers, identify priority areas, and develop a strategy to improve outcomes. Tier One counties can apply for funding to implement their strategy through the Promising Practice grants.

This year counties can use the **PACHildStat** Community Outcomes for Pennsylvania's Children and Families web link to review their indicators. **PACHildStat** is a county child outcomes indicators project that will allow stakeholders, counties and the state the ability to use data on child indicators to plan and program services for kids in Pennsylvania. A work in progress, PA ChildStat uses the best data available to measure the educational, social, economic, and physical well-being of children at the county level. Counties can generate maps, graphs and charts based on one or more indicators and can compare themselves to other counties on those indicators.

PACHildStat can be found at
<https://www.humanservices.state.pa.us/CommunityLevelOutcomeIndicators/viewer.asp>

It currently includes 28 indicators, with more forthcoming.

The Community Level Outcome Indicator Framework

Outcomes	Indicators
Babies Born Healthy	Infant Mortality Low Birth Weight Babies Children Born to Mothers Receiving Early and Adequate Prenatal Care
Early Learning	Child Care Providers in Keystone Stars Children Aged 3 and 4 Served in Pre-K Programs Children in Public School Full Day Kindergarten Children Served by Child Care Works
Healthy Children	Children Enrolled in CHIP Children Enrolled in Medical Assistance Children Lacking Health Insurance Children Under Age 6 Screened for Lead Poisoning Child and Adolescent Deaths
Healthy Youth Behaviors	Juvenile Crime Arrests Juvenile Arrests: Liquor Law Violations Juvenile Delinquency Dispositions Juvenile Delinquency Disposition Placements Suicide Rates for children Ages 10-19

	Childhood Obesity Teen Pregnancies
Safe and Stable Families and Communities	Food Stamps (SNAP) Enrolled Reports of Child Abuse and Substantiated Abuse Placement Reunifications within 12 months Children Re-entering Care Within 12 Months of Discharge Children in Child Welfare Placement Residential Treatment Facilities Usage
School Success	Student Withdrawals from Public School Public School Average Daily Attendance Truancy in Public Schools

As a part of this review, counties should consider both the data provided through the DPW website as well as other information that is available to analyze community performance in the identified outcome area for children. In conjunction with the ICSP planning team, community level strategies should be proposed to improve the identified outcome area. Tier one counties can request funding to support implementation of the proposed strategies.

You must complete a worksheet for each outcome / indicator selected (see page 17). Each county must complete a worksheet for at least two indicators. If your plan is to continue to focus on the same indicator(s) that was included in the 2009/10 ICSP, please provide an update on your efforts. The indicators do not have to be in the same broad category (a county may choose one outcome area and focus attention on two indicators in that area; or choose two outcomes areas and focus on one indicator in each outcome). Page 15 includes a fictitious county example. The worksheet covers the following areas:

Outcome Area:

Select one or more of the following outcome areas that will be the focus of the prevention and planning strategies for the counties.

- Babies Born Healthy
- Healthy Children
- Early Learning
- Healthy Youth Behaviors
- School Success
- Safe and Stable Families and Communities

Indicator:

For the Outcome area(s) chosen above:

Select one or more indicators that will help measure the impact of the programmatic change the county is proposing to improve the outcome area. A list of indicators, along with the county level data, can be found at the **PACildStat** website at:

<https://www.humanservices.state.pa.us/CommunityLevelOutcomeIndicators/viewer.asp>

- We recommend that the county choose from these indicators. However, to the extent a county would like to choose an indicator not listed it may do so as long as:
 - 1) The county has current data on the indicator and can measure it at least annually, and
 - 2) The data can be compared with other similar counties in Pennsylvania.

Discussion (further analysis of local data, comparison to other community, state or national trends, current efforts to address outcome area):

Based upon the indicator data, provide a short analysis of where the county is with the indicators, any recent steps to address what the data is showing, and comparison with other similar counties in Pennsylvania.

Proposed strategies to improve outcome area:

The counties should list the specific activities that will be implemented to help improve the outcome area selected. If your plan is to continue to focus on the same indicator(s) that was included in the 2010/11 ICSP, please provide an update on your efforts. The strategies should be seen as those activities that will result in a measurable change in the indicators selected. The strategies should be specific, include specific timeframes of when actions will be completed and when anticipated results from the strategies will occur.

Measure of short term goal:

Select a target for where the county wants to be with the selected indicators in one year. To the extent there is a lag in the data for the indicator, the county should provide either sample data or some other benchmarks to indicate any impact or change that has occurred because of the implemented strategies.

Are you requesting ICSP funds to implement this plan? (Tier One only):

Indicate if you are requesting ICSP funds from DPW to implement this plan and how the funds will be used to assist the county in improving the outcome area selected.

APPENDIX B County Example

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ABC County

Outcome Area:

- Babies Born Healthy

Indicator:

- Percentage of low birth weights
- Percentage of pregnant woman receiving early and frequent pre-natal care

Discussion (further analysis of local data, comparison to other community, state or national trends, current efforts to address outcome area):

Currently, the county is experiencing a rate of low birth weights and women not receiving adequate pre-natal care higher than most similar sized counties in the state. Although the county has some programs to work with pregnant woman and education programs on pre-natal care, the efforts in this area are not well coordinated among different agencies and community groups that can reach out to this population. Based upon discussions with similar counties who have better outcomes in this area, a more coordinated effort within the county is needed.

Proposed strategies to improve the outcome area:

1) Early Identification Efforts – Working with school districts, local health centers, Health Choices MCOs, hospitals, community organizations and all county agencies, develop a process identifying at risk pregnant woman and educating them on the importance of pre-natal care. A community system will be developed, using local networks, volunteer parents and county agencies that will create a peer system to help the individual attend their regular scheduled pre-natal care visits. The following is the timeline for the project

- Designate a coordinator by August 15, 2010
- Develop a draft early identification and referral process for community review by December 15, 2010
- Develop new draft educational materials for community review by January 15, 2011
- Implement new community early identification and referral process by March 1, 2011
- Finalize/distribute new educational materials by March 1, 2011

2) Implement a nurse family partnership program (NFP) in the county by June 2011.

- Contract with an accredited Nurse Family Partnership Provider by December 2010
- Begin NFP services by June 2011

- Service goal of at least 15 first time mothers in the first full year of implementation

Measure of short term goal:

- The county wants to see a 10% reduction in low birth weights by the end of first full year of the identification and referral process (strategy #1 above.)
- The county wants to see a 30% increase in the number of pregnant woman receiving early and regular pre-natal care by the end of the first full year of the identification and referral process (strategy #1 above.)
- With the implementation of a nurse family program, the county hopes to see a further reduction of low birth weights by 10%.

Are you requesting ICSP funds to implement this plan? (Tier One only):

Yes. The county is requesting funds to assist with the coordination efforts necessary to bring together all agencies, community organizations and school districts. Funds will be used to pay for hiring a coordinator for this position and educational materials, posters and other information that can be used to outreach to the target population. With the funding, the county will adhere to the proposed schedule for implementation detailed previously.

**APPENDIX B - WORKSHEET
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Outcome Area:

Indicator:

Discussion (further analysis of local data, comparison to other community, state or national trends, current efforts to address outcome area, if selecting the same indicator(s) as last year, also provide an update on your efforts):

Proposed strategies to improve the outcome area:
Measure of short term goal:

Are you requesting ICSP funds to implement this plan? (Tier One only):