



2010

PROGRESS Report

On Community Outcomes, Indicators, and Strategies

Healthy People & Behaviors

Stable Families

Young People Succeeding

Safe & Supportive Neighborhoods



**Logan County
Family & Children First Council**

A collaborative of child & family serving organizations working together to develop and coordinate services and resources in Logan County.

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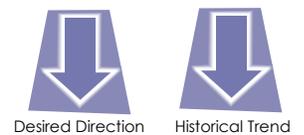
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Understanding This Report

Each measure listed in the above four categories is presented in this report with historical data. This data informs the community of how it is doing on that area of well-being. In order to make the historical data meaningful, each indicator's page will specify the desired direction for that trend and Logan County's historical trend. This informs the community if the trend is going in the right direction.

Additionally, most indicators are presented with short-term data that includes comparison data to the state of Ohio and similar sized counties. Similar sized counties were selected based on having similar population as Logan County as well as similar social and economical dynamics. The identified comparison counties are listed to the side.



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Dear Community Members:

This past year, the Logan County Family and Children First Council (a partnership of government agencies and community organizations) has worked collaboratively to begin analyzing how well our county as a whole supports, nurtures, educates and protects our families, children and adults.

Like much of the nation and the state, Logan County has experienced a declining economy, resulting in a growing number of individuals and families needing help. It is obvious that the solution to these issues cannot be reached by simply throwing more and more money at the problems. It is critical that all entities serving those needs work together to improve efficiencies and reduce duplication or gaps in service.

Logan County is blessed in many ways, but our greatest asset is the people who live and work here. This report is meant to inform as well as to invite community discussion that will help guide progress toward common goals and desired results.

This report is also just the starting point, to give a snapshot of where we have been and where we are as a community. Following this report, the "real work" begins – analyzing programs and activities to determine how well they are aligned with the desired outcomes, and whether those activities are moving us toward those outcomes.

The Board of County Commissioners would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to the many individuals who helped make this document possible, and to all those who are helping keep Logan County a truly incredible place to live, work and play.

Sincerely,

Logan County Board of Commissioners


Anthony E. Core


David Knight


John Bayliss

Results Based Accountability

THE FCFC's FOCUS ON GETTING RESULTS

The Logan County Family & Children First Council (FCFC) is using a set of tools and concepts called Results-Based Accountability (RBA). The ideas of RBA come from Mark Friedman of the Fiscal Policy Studies Institute. RBA is a way for the community to talk about some of the important issues that affect its overall quality of life.

RBA starts with those end conditions of well-being (the results) which we want for children, adults, families and communities, and works backward to the means to get there. There is a simple progression of thought at the heart of this process:



**What do we want?
How would we recognize it?
What will it take to get there?**

The process begins with answering the questions “WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE?” and then finding out “WHERE ARE WE?”

It is between these two questions that lies the toughest question, “WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO GET THERE?” Asking this question is a central part of RBA. Answering it is at the heart of the community conversation promoted by the FCFC.

WHAT DO WE WANT?

This first question pertains to the population we are talking about – in this case, that is all the residents of Logan County. And it pertains to results.

Results: Results are the conditions of well-being we would like to say exist for the population we are talking about. An important criterion is that these are stated in plain English, not in bureaucratic jargon. The results we want for the people of Logan County are captured in the desired community outcomes articulated by the Logan County FCFC:

- 1. Healthy People and Behaviors**
- 2. Stable Families**
- 3. Young People Succeeding**
- 4. Safe and Supportive Neighborhoods**



Results Based Accountability

HOW WOULD WE RECOGNIZE IT?



This question has to do with how we would recognize when the results are successful both in terms of what we would experience (a vision statement) and also in terms of data (or indicators).

Experience: How would we recognize these conditions in our day-to-day lives in the community? What would we see, hear, feel, observe? To answer these questions, we have written a Vision Statement for each of the desired community outcomes.

Indicators: How would we recognize these conditions in measurable terms? Here we are looking for pieces of data that tell us whether these conditions exist or not.

WHAT WILL IT TAKE TO GET THERE?

The final set of questions helps organize how we get to where we want to be from where we are.

Trendlines: For each indicator in the FCFC reports, we present a picture of where we've been and look to whether the short- or long-term trends are in the desired direction. This allows us to focus on "turning the curve" from an undesired to a desired direction, or – for those indicators whose long-term trend is in the desired direction – to focus on maintaining or accelerating the trend.

Story behind the trendlines: Why do these pictures look the way they do? What are the causes and forces at work? This is the analysis part of the work. Digging behind the numbers helps us get a handle on what's going on in our community and what might work to do better. This becomes part of our information/research agenda.

ARE WE THERE YET?

The answer, unfortunately is no, because the desired community outcomes will often never be fully achieved. But the tools of RBA lend themselves to constant and repeated use in an effort to improve a specific response or to come closer to a desired community outcome.

In other words, we keep asking ourselves during these community conversations, "Is what we are doing helping us achieve the results we want?"

Healthy People & Behaviors

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MEASURES

- **Suicide**
- **Mortality**



VISION

We live in a community that promotes healthy lifestyles. Everyone gets the information and support they need to make healthy choices and avoid preventable health problems. Both physical and mental wellness are valued. Everyone has access to an adequate level of health care, including prenatal care, from birth to death.



“He who has health has hope; and he who has hope has everything.”

Arabic Proverb

Outcome: Healthy People & Behaviors



Measure: Suicide

Suicide takes the life of 1,300 Ohioans each year with an average of 3 deaths per day. Suicides in Logan County average 4 per year. The data used in this report comes directly from Logan County Coroner reports of death certificates that confirm suicide as the cause of death.

There is great speculation that the actual numbers are higher as some deaths deemed "accidental" may be suicides, but cannot be substantiated. Logan County is similar to state and national stats in that more males die by suicide and the most frequent method is gunshot. Suicide is a final act. One that cannot be taken back.

Research shows that more than 90% of the suicides that occur happen to people struggling with depression or another diagnosable and treatable mental illness or substance abuse issue. Talking to someone and getting help for the depression can make a difference.

Suicide Rates 2005-2007

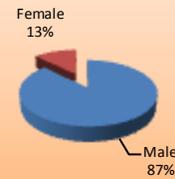
By Year, County

	Count	Rate*
Knox County	11	6.3
Shelby County	12	8.2
Logan County	14	10.1
Ohio	3908	11.4
Champaign Co.	18	15.2

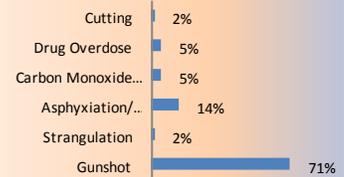
*per 100,000

Source: ODH Vital Statistics

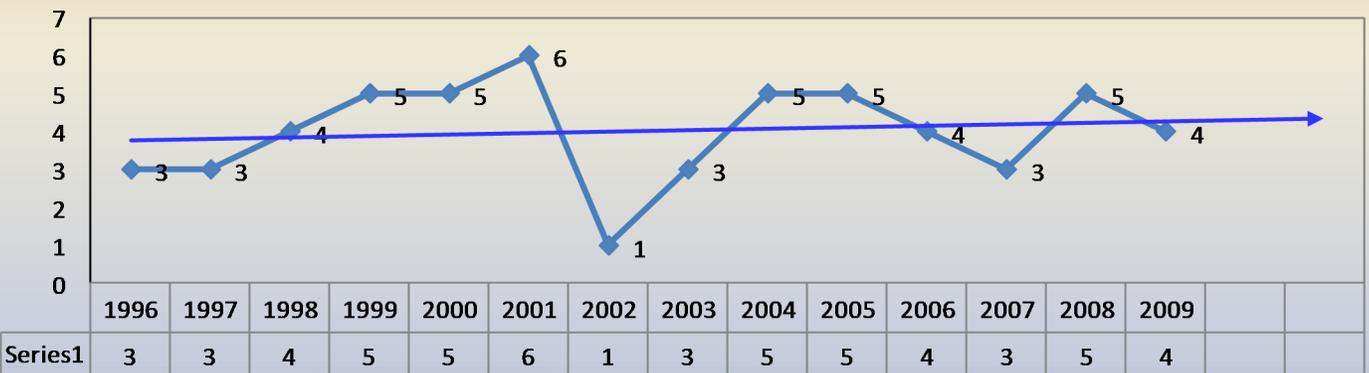
Logan County Suicides by Gender 1996-2009 (n=56)



Logan County Suicides by Method 1996-2009 (n=56)

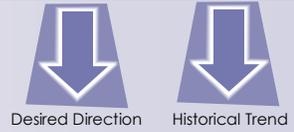


Logan County Deaths to Suicide



Source: Logan County Coroner's Office/ Logan County Health District Vital Statistics

Outcome: Healthy People & Behaviors



Measure: Premature Mortality

Measuring premature mortality, rather than overall mortality focuses attention on deaths that could have been prevented. By better understanding premature mortality, communities can target resources to high risk areas and further investigate the cause of death.

Premature mortality is measured as the total number of deaths by age groups. In this case, deaths to individuals under age 24 and deaths to individuals between ages 25 and 44 are going in the desired historical direction. However, deaths to individuals between ages 45 to 64 are increasing on the historical trend and thus not going in the desired direction.

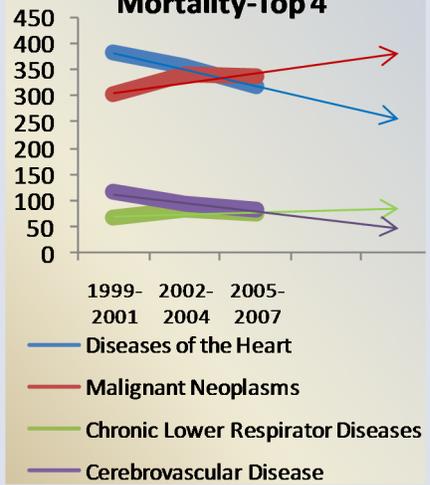
Overall Mortality

Logan County's mortality rate for all ages is 909.7, which is comparable to Ohio and similar sized counties. In looking at the top four causes of death, while heart related deaths are down, cancer related deaths have increased since 1999.

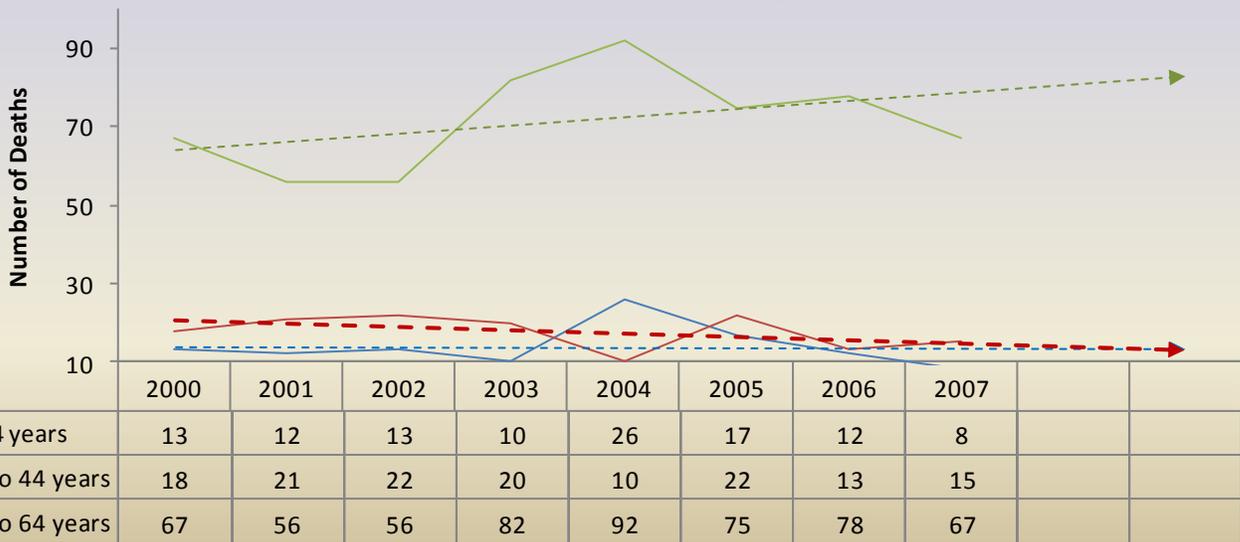
Mortality Rate - 2007

Rate/100,000 deaths
 806.8 Shelby County
909.7 Logan County
 919.3 Knox County
 925.6 Ohio
 1029.8 Champaign County

Logan County Causes of Mortality-Top 4



Premature Mortality



Source: Ohio Department of Health Information Warehouse

Stable Families

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MEASURES

- **Child Abuse & Neglect**
- **Poverty**
- **Unemployment**

VISION

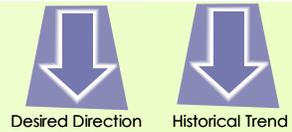
The community respects and supports families, recognizing that secure and loving families shape the character of our children, provide resiliency in our youth, and sustain adults in difficult times. Stable families are valued, because the basic functions of care and monitoring they provide within the home become quite costly if transferred to government. Family members have healthy relationships with each other. Families nurture their members and provide a sense of well-being and safety. Family members work together and feel that they also belong to something larger than themselves.



“We can think of no issue more important than the well-being of Ohio’s children and families”

-Governor Strickland & Chief Justice Moyer

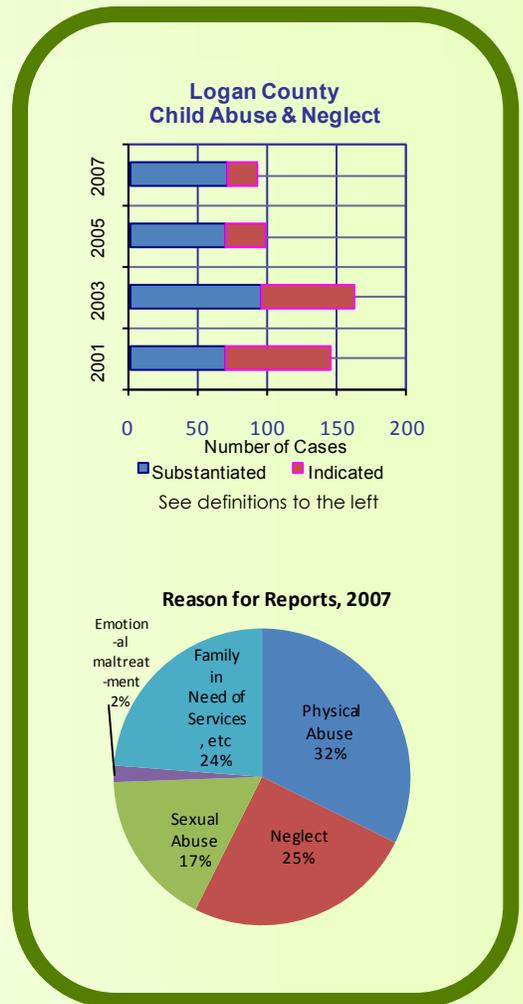
Outcome: Stable Families



Measure: Child Abuse & Neglect

The abuse and neglect of children continues to be a troubling issue for society. Without intervention, children who have been abused are more likely to become abusers themselves later in life. National studies suggest that the majority of all abusers were abused or neglected themselves as children. Abuse of children impacts the entire community, as well as the next generation of children. Child abuse can cause both physical and emotional damage and impacts brain development in the early years of life.

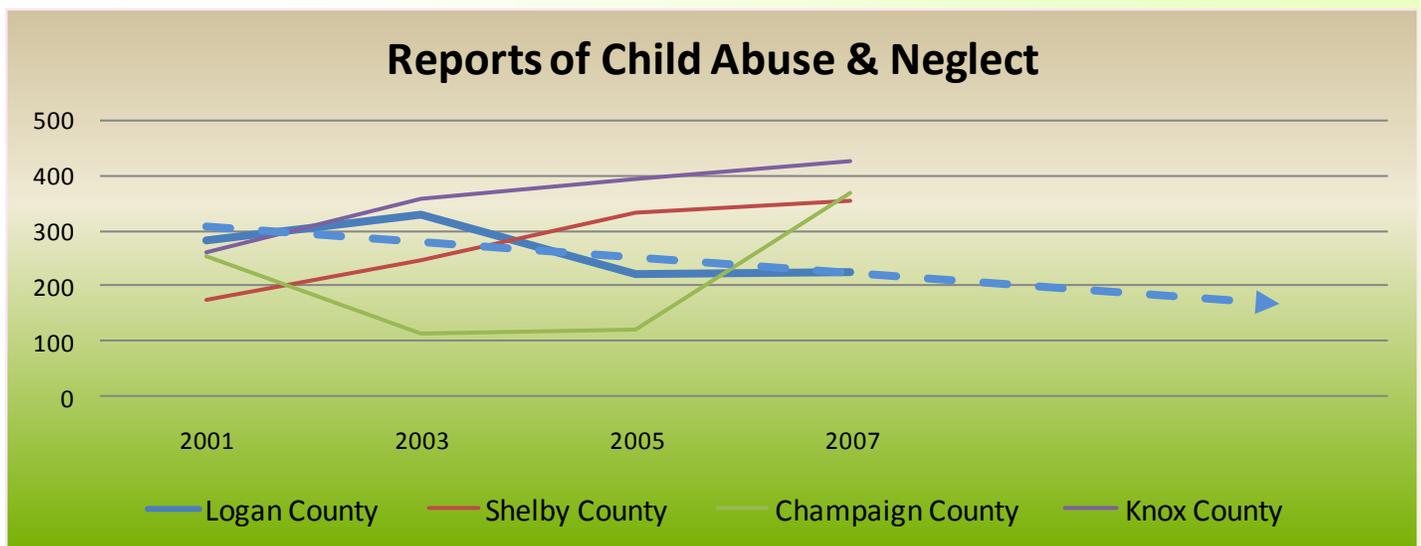
These data reflect the number of reports of child abuse and neglect made to the Children Services Board each year. Historically, the number of reports made to Logan County are down along with the trend. This contradicts the historical trend of similar sized counties.



Definitions

Substantiated: case disposition of (1) admission of child abuse or neglect by the person(s) responsible; (2) an adjudication of child abuse or neglect; or (3) other forms of confirmation deemed valid by the PCSA.

Indicated: case disposition of (1) circumstantial or other isolated indicators of child abuse or neglect lacking confirmation; or (2) a determination by the caseworker that the child may have been abused or neglected based upon completion of the assessment/investigation.



Source: Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO) Factbook

Outcome: **Stable Families**



Measure: **Poverty**

With a faltering economy, families are stressed, the poverty rate is increasing, unemployment is rising, utility and fuel bills continue to climb and parents find it difficult to keep pantries stocked with healthy foods. Safe and affordable housing is a dream for many. Many families don't have health care. It is not hard to understand the challenges of being a safe, nurturing parent during these challenging times.

Tough economic times impact everyone but those living in poverty are hit the hardest. According to data in "The Real Bottom Line State of Poverty in Ohio 2008," released by the Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies:

- In 2006, 13.3% of Ohioans were living in poverty.
- The poorest group of Ohioans is young children under the age of five living in single headed households, followed by single female headed families and African Americans
- The majority of persons living in poverty in Ohio are employed with an average wage of just under \$10.00 per hour, creating a new layer of poverty that includes people with jobs who are experiencing a need for public assistance for the first time in their lives.

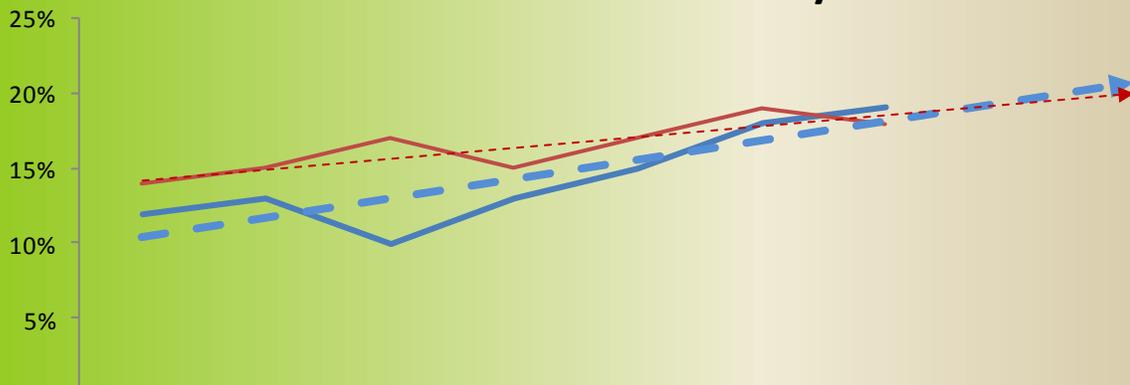
LOGAN COUNTY MEDICAID USAGE 2007

	Logan	OH
Births paid by Medicaid	44%	n/a
Mothers receiving Medicaid who report 2+ risk factors for poor birth outcomes	56%	n/a
Children enrolled in Medicaid	3,523 31%	35%
Residents enrolled in Medicaid	6,639 14%	16%

Source: Logan County JFS Profile, 2007



Percent of Children in Poverty



	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2007		
Logan County	12%	13%	10%	13%	15%	18%	19%		
Ohio	14%	15%	17%	15%	17%	19%	18%		

Source: Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO) Factbook/ Children's Defense Fund
Note: 2006 Data not available

Outcome: Stable Families



Measure: Unemployment

Some of the likely costs of unemployment for society include increased poverty, crime, mental health issues and diminished health standards. Understanding the forces that create unemployment, and then trying to mitigate their negative effects to the greatest extent possible, is a central issue.

Unemployment has risen to a high of 12.5% in Logan County and in Ohio in July 2009. Since then, the rate has started to decline and was 11.2% for Logan County and Ohio in September 2009. **It appears as though unemployment has hit its peak in July 2009 and is trending down in 2010.**



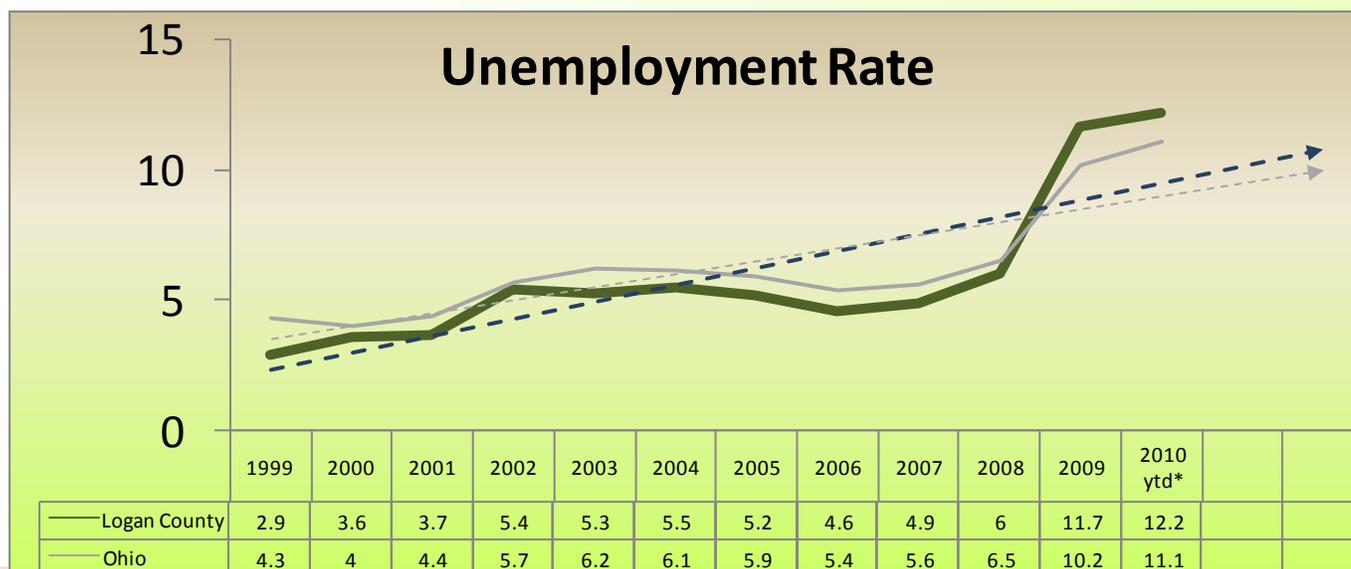
Basic Needs Budget Logan County, OH (2009)

Two-parent family with 2 children, ages 3 and 6
(both parents work full-time)

	Annual	Monthly
Rent & utilities	\$7,596	\$633
Food	\$8,298	\$691
Child care	\$11,093	\$924
Health insurance	\$2,488	\$207
Medical (out of pocket)	\$888	\$74
Transportation	\$6,849	\$571
Other necessities	\$3,815	\$318
Payroll taxes	\$3,373	\$281
Income taxes	(\$306)	(\$26)
Federal income tax	\$2,076	\$173
Federal EITC	\$0	\$0
Federal Child Tax Credit	(\$2,000)	(\$167)
Federal Child/ Dependent Care Tax Credit	(\$1,200)	(\$100)
State income tax	\$817	\$68
TOTAL	\$44,092	\$3,674

Hourly wage needed (per parent): **\$11**
Percent of the federal poverty level: **200%**

Source: National Center for Children in Poverty,
Basic Needs Budget Calculator



Source: Ohio Department of Job & Family Services

*through June 2010

Young People Succeeding

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MEASURES

- **Graduation Rates**
- **Teen Pregnancy**
- **Behavioral Health**



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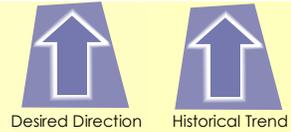
Children are well prepared for learning when they start school and receive support outside of the classroom for their efforts inside the classroom. Intellectual curiosity, skill development and achievement are valued. Young people receive mentoring, guidance and support as they develop the capacity to differentiate between positive and negative risk behaviors. Positive role models are plentiful, and others in the community talk to teenagers with candor and respect about the difficult choices they face. Students finish high school ready to compete successfully in the labor market and/or in continuing education and skills development.

“We cannot
always build the
future for our
youth, but we
can build our
youth for the
future.”

-Franklin D. Roosevelt



Outcome: Young People Succeeding



Measure: Graduation Rates

High school graduates have a positive impact on the local community, earning \$7,200 per year more than a high school drop-out. They also contribute to the wealth of a community, according to the 2008 US Department of Commerce report. Logan County has a long-term trend of increased high school graduation rates, which are going in the desired direction.

The short-term trend from 2006-2008 has been a slight decrease of 2.7%, similar to statewide trends, according to the Ohio Department of Education.

Graduation Rates

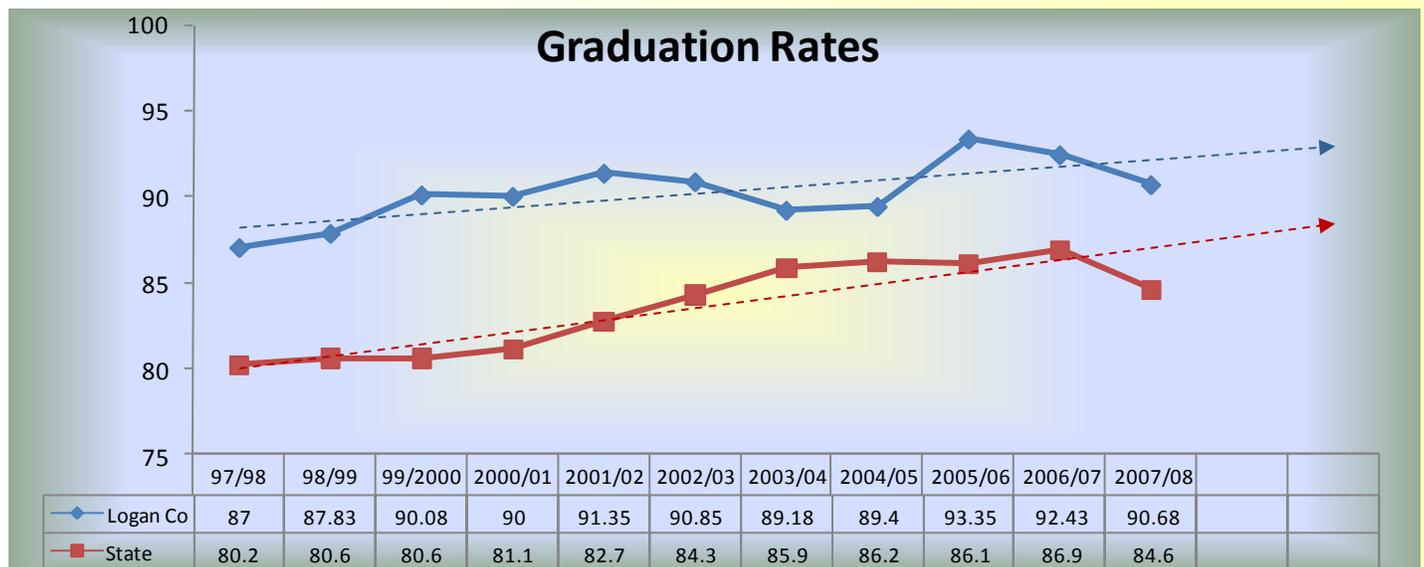
2005-2006	Shelby	95.0
	Knox	94.6
	Union	94.5
	Logan	93.4
	Champaign	91.7
	Hardin	91.0

2006-2007	Shelby	94.6
	Union	94.4
	Knox	94.4
	Champaign	93.7
	Logan	92.4
	Hardin	92.1

2007-2008	Shelby	95.0
	Knox	94.4
	Union	92.7
	Hardin	91.4
	Logan	90.7
	Champaign	90.2

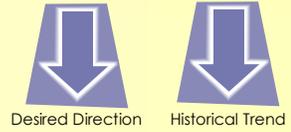
Understanding the Measure

The on time graduation rate of all students receiving instruction in a Logan County school district is considered for this indicator. It is a lagged rate, always one-year behind, allowing the Ohio Department of Education to include summer graduates. The graduation rates for 2008-09 will not be released until June 2010.



Source: Ohio Department of Education

Outcome: Young People Succeeding



Measure: Teen Pregnancy

Studies indicate that a teen giving birth often has life-long consequences. For the teen parent the implications (individually, socially and economically) are remarkably different from those who do not become pregnant. Teen parents are far more likely to live in poverty and the child of a teen mother has a greater risk of being born premature, experience child abuse and, if female, premature childbearing.

Over the last 12 years Logan County has averaged nearly 73 births per year. According to 2006 data (the most recent available) Logan County has a lower teen birth than the state of Ohio.

Short-Term Trends

While the historical trend over the past 12 years appears to be declining for both the 15-17 and 18-19 age groups, the short term trend is showing a significant (83%) increase from 2006-2008 in the 15-17 age group.

Births to Adolescents - 2006

Rate/1000 - ages 15-17

12.0 Logan County

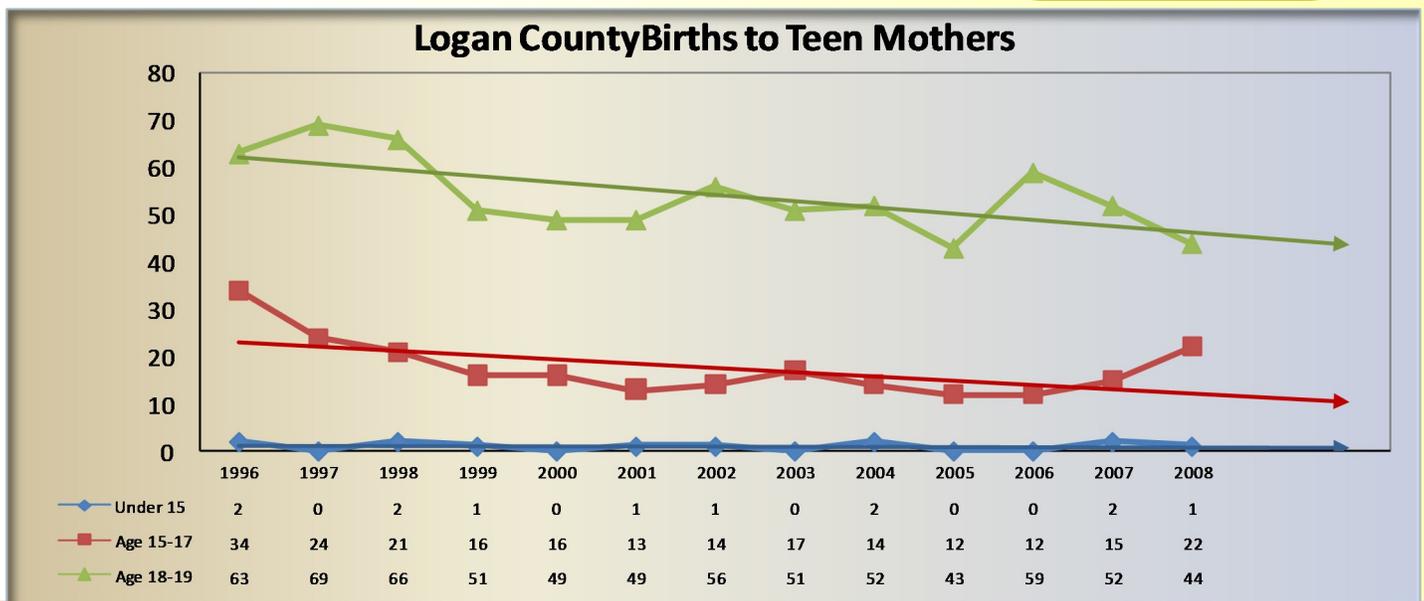
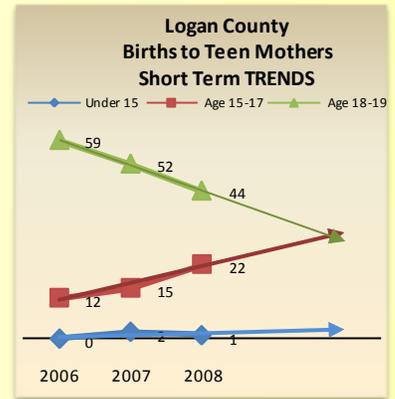
16.9 Knox County

19.8 Shelby County

19.8 Ohio

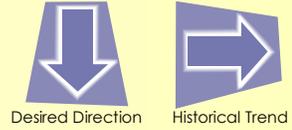
22.2 Champaign County

Source: Children's Defense Fund-Ohio



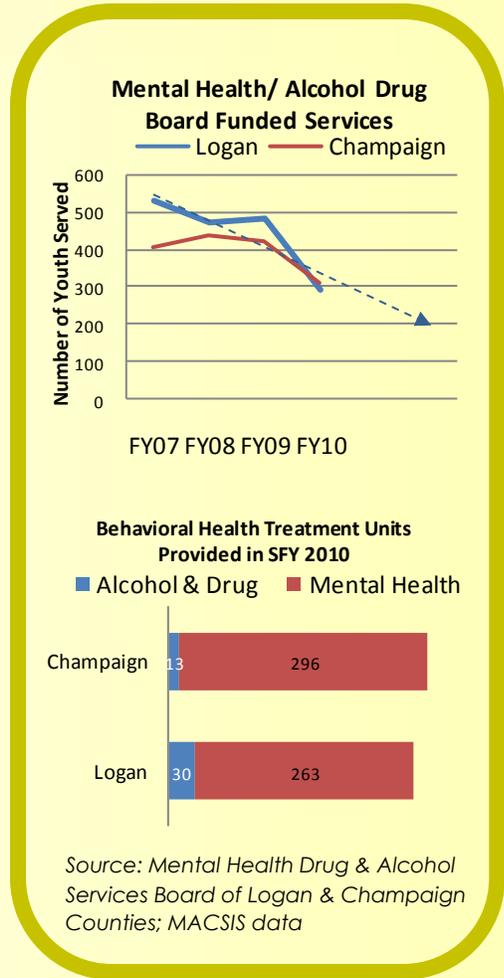
Source: Supreme Court of Ohio

Outcome: Young People Succeeding



Measure: Behavioral Health

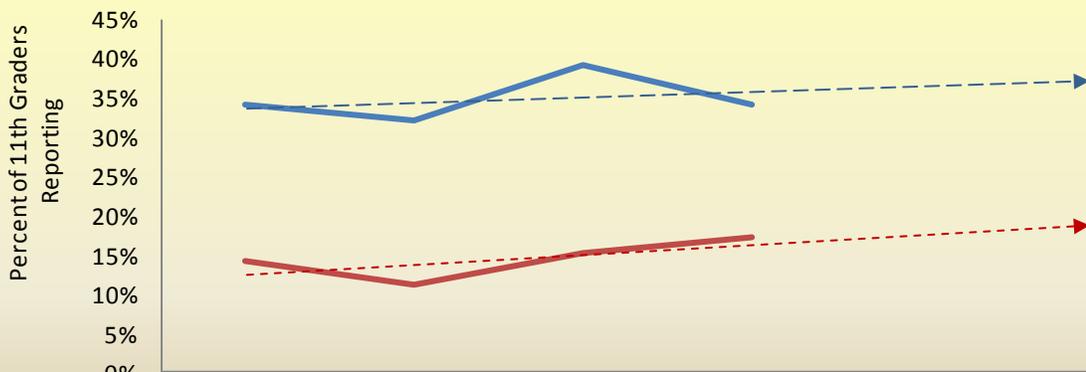
According to the "Report of the Surgeon General's Conference on Children's Mental Health", emotional and behavioral problems in children and youth are challenges most likely to lower their quality of life and reduce their life chances. Children with these disorders are at a much greater risk for dropping out of school and of not being fully functional members of society in adulthood. Therefore, it is critical that youth with mental health and alcohol & drug concerns are identified and offered the services they need to succeed. Identification of these needs occur in many sectors, including schools, courts, physician offices, children services, to name a few. In many cases, parents and families also identify mental health and substance abuse issues in their youth and seek services.



Understanding the Measures

The data below is from the Search Institute Survey for 11th grade respondents on two of the 165 questions. In 2008, nearly 40% of 11th graders reported using alcohol in the last 30-days. From 2006 to 2008, there was a significant increase in the number of youth taking the survey due to changing from an active consent in the 11th grade to a passive consent form. Both indicator's historical trend shows a slight increase.

Behavioral Health



	2006	2007	2008	2010
Use of Alcohol in last 30-days	34%	32%	39%	34%
Suicide Attempt	14%	11%	15%	17%

Source: Logan County Search Institute Survey/ Logan County Family & Children First Council

Safe & Supportive Neighborhoods

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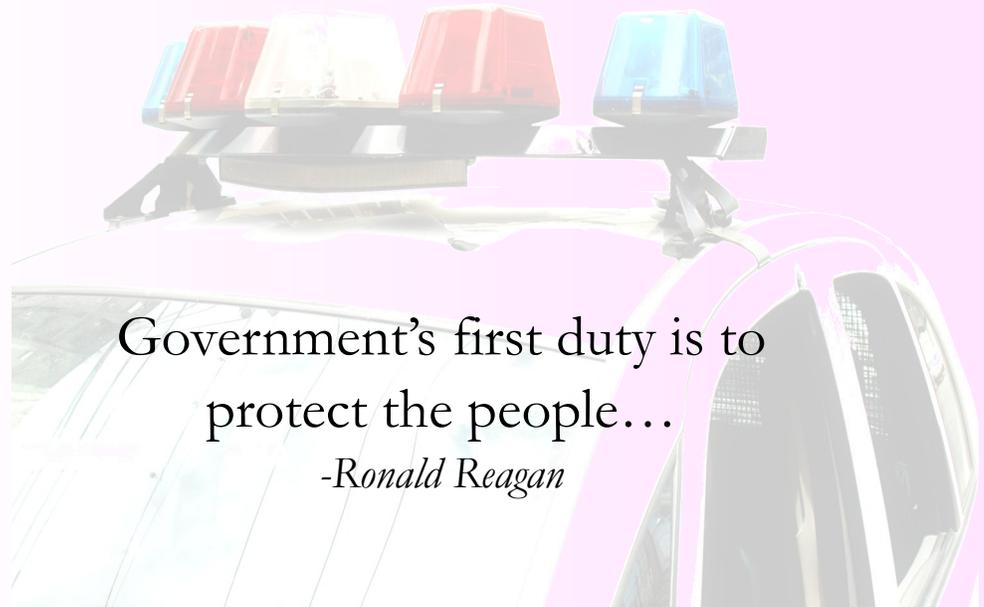
MEASURES

- **Foreclosures**
- **Crime**



VISION

People live in safe, healthy environments and, therefore feel a sense of belonging within the community. They have common values and goals, which provides a sense of security, as well as respect for the social structure and laws that provide a framework for behavior. They have access to positive educational and cultural experiences. The community values the unique attributes of each neighborhood, whether rural or urban.



Government's first duty is to
protect the people...

-Ronald Reagan



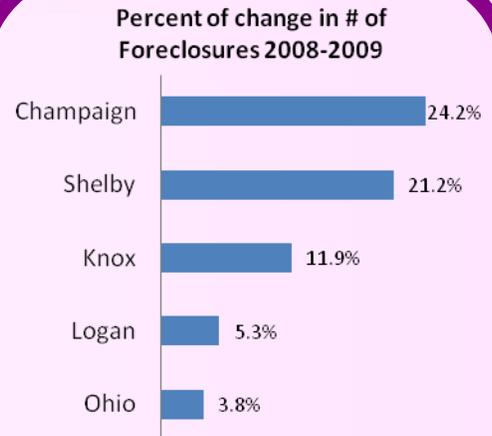
Logan County Crisis Intervention Team Training, May 2008 (coordinated with Consolidated Care, MHD/AS Board)

Outcome: **Safe & Supportive Neighborhoods**



Indicator: **Foreclosures**

Real estate foreclosures obviously follow trends of unemployment and poverty. While foreclosure filings do not necessarily result in an owner losing their property, those that do end in owner displacement are of concern to attempts to maintain cohesive neighborhoods. The good news, if any, in the data shown here, is that the rate of increase for Logan County foreclosures is lower than for similar counties.

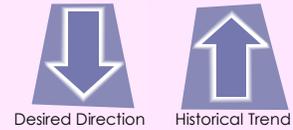


Logan County Foreclosure Cases Filed



Source: Supreme Court of Ohio

Outcome: **Safe & Supportive Neighborhoods**



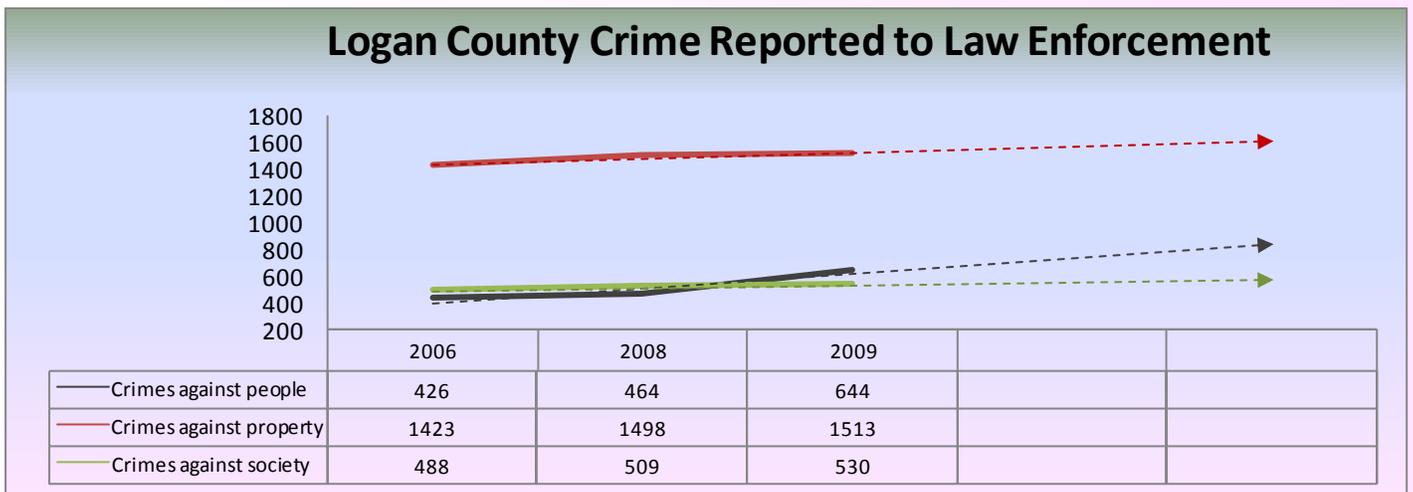
Indicator: **Crime**

In the chart below, "Crimes Against People" includes offenses such as murder, rape, and family violence, but by far the largest portion of this category is assaults. "Crimes Against Property" includes offenses like robbery, burglary, breaking and entering, arson, fraud, and theft of any kind. "Crimes Against Society" includes drug and alcohol offenses (including driving under the influence), weapons violations, and disorderly conduct and criminal trespass.



The Team encountered difficulty in gathering comparable data from the various law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement agencies are not required to submit crime statistics to any single state or federal agency. The Logan County Sheriff's office, DeGraff Police Department, Russells Point Police Department and West Liberty Police Department report their data to the Ohio Incident Based Reporting System in the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, although in some years some entities have not reported complete data. The City of Bellefontaine Police Department reports its data to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Uniform Crime Reports system. The data reported here combines information from those various sources. It also should be noted that the figures here reflect crimes reported (as opposed to substantiated) to law enforcement, and they reflect reported crimes committed by all age levels, not just by adults.

Despite the data gathering challenges for Logan County data, the good news is that the data reporting is much more comprehensive here as compared to similar counties. In many comparable counties, several law enforcement agencies do not report crime statistics.



Source: Ohio Incident Based Reporting System; FBI Uniform Crime Reports system
 Note: 2007 Data Unavailable

Logan County Family & Children First Council

2010 Membership

Organization/ Role	Sector of the Community*	Representative
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Bellefontaine Police Dept.	Law Enforcement	Ed Peters*
Benjamin Logan Local Schools	Local School District	Stan Mounts
City of Bellefontaine	Municipal Corporation with largest population in the County	Adam Brannon*
Consolidated Care, Inc.	Consolidated Care, Inc.	Randy Reminder*
Council on Rural Services	County Head Start Agency	Amy Jeffries*
Department of Youth Services	Department of Youth Services Regional Office	Kyle Dickinson*
Family Representative	Family Representative	Linda Banks
Family Representative	Family Representative	Debbie Hamilton*
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