

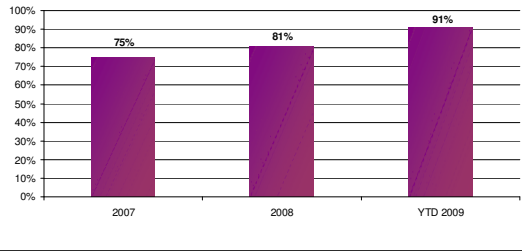


AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES

Educational Stability in
Barre District Family Services

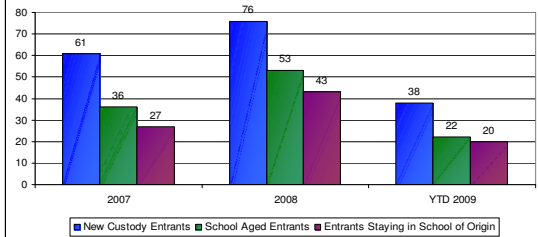


Educational Stability
Entrants Staying in School of Origin





Educational Stability
New Custody Entrants & School Aged Entrants Staying in School of Origin





- How did we achieve this level of success?



- Casey Family Foundation Breakthrough Series Collaborative on Recruitment and Retention in 2000 and Educational Stability in 2006.



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Recruitment and Retention BSC focused on:

Increasing the number of foster homes in every school community with special attention given to the towns with the highest number of new entries.

Improving the engagement process for families inquiring about becoming a foster family.

Increasing the number of kinship care families providing care to children in custody.



Enhancing the curriculum used for the Foundations for Foster Care.



Educational Stability BSC focused on:

Increasing the number of new custody entrants placed in their town of origin.



- Ask foster parents to transport the children to their school of origin when the children could not be placed in their town of origin.
- We consistently have 100% of foster parents willing to transport the foster child to school when it is necessary.



- Identifying respite homes to be used as back up foster homes that are in the town or origin or willing to transport.
- We are currently at 70% of the youth serviced by care and coordination through Washington County Mental Health have back up foster homes.



- Increasing the knowledge of both DCF staff and DOE staff in reference to the MOU and how to implement it's usage.



- 100% of principals (363); 100% of Special Educ. Coordinators (60); 100% Superintendents (60); 100% of Educ. Business Mngrs (60); 100% of Field Services (17); % of FS Central Office Mngrs (5); 100% of Barre FS staff statewide; 100% of BSC team (8) & 1 Judge (method - e-mail/mail)



2008 – 2009 Spread

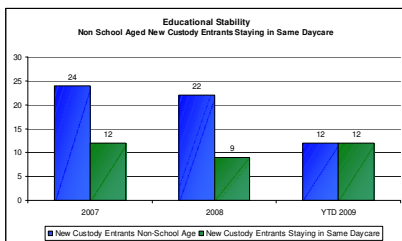
- DCF supervisors
- Resource Coordinators
- Barre District Staff on multiple occasions
- Washington County Mental Health
- Family Services Division Leadership Team
- Policy Revision Team
- JDO and other districts as the need arises
- Monthly Court Improvement Project meetings
- Washington Central Supervisory Union Staff



The development of the tool
“Questions to Consider”



TIP OF THE WEEK





• WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- You can ask about the educational stability for children entering custody.
- You can ask for the “Questions to Consider” document to be completed.
- You can ask their clients about the educational needs of the child.



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