

## **Children in Need of Services Planning Committee**

### **February 2022 Update**

The CHINS working group continues to develop the policies and procedures that will guide the new referral process for CHINS youth. The development of the policies falls in three primary categories: referral and intake; case management; and data. Currently members of the working group are working on the development of policies including but not limited to:

- Referral process;
- Referral forms for referral sources and CHINS types;
- Intake process;
- Case management expectations;
- Data tracking and management.

For each of these policies considerations, how to handle different case types and the level of interventions are being considered to ensure that practice meets the needs of youth and families. As the policies are developed, the working group will work with key stakeholders including zone staff not represented on the working group, law enforcement, and schools to identify any gaps as well as ensure the correct communication and training plans are in place to support implementation. Overall, the project remains on track to meet its goals within the timeframe identified in the original project plan.