**Children in Need of Services Planning Committee**

**March 2022 Update**

The CHINS working group has focused on developing the policies and documents necessary to support the implementation of the new process. Over the last month, the working group has pulled together guidelines on when and how to make a referral that can be shared with system partners to support the right youth being referred. In addition, guidelines to support Zones staff in the intake and assessment process are being developed to ensure that youth and families who receive CHINS referrals are consistently being matched and connected with appropriate services whenever possible. As these policies and documents are finalized, the focus will shift on the implementation of these new policies, including the training of Zone staff as well as key system partners such as law enforcement and schools.