

ND Juvenile Justice Planning Work Group October Update

- A. The work group reviewed discussions with First Link on how North Dakota can better use the [211 online directory](#) and resource hotline to identify available services in the community that can serve CHINS and justice-involved youth and young adults. They are exploring whether a formal “juvenile justice” section can be developed as part of the online directory, but in the meantime, have established the next steps below for ensuring that current juvenile justice services are entered into the 211 system and include the information needed to ensure youth are connected to services that can meet their individualized risks, needs, and strengths.

Entering Juvenile Justice Related Services into 211 (next steps):

1. Please coordinate with your colleagues in your respective agencies to review what community based services for CHINS/JJ youth are already in 211—see the attached spreadsheet that lists all youth/family related services in 211—and what services need to be added with a priority focus on those services that are more appropriate for CHINNS/JJ youth.
2. For each service, whether currently in 211 or not, on behalf of your respective agency, please complete an updated or new service application that includes the classification system that we developed for these services.
 - a. For services already in 211, please complete the highlighted sections in the attached application, which just include the name of the agency, the program name, and highlighting the service characteristics as per the instructions so the program profile in 211 can be updated by First Link.
 - b. For new services—those currently not entered into 211—please complete the entire application.
3. Please send your completed service applications to database@myfirstlink.org by the end of the calendar year. Please also keep a separate list of those programs for which you have updated/completed new applications so we can help First Link keep track of these applications.

Cory asked us to think about the end user of this information. Josh said the end user would be looking for primary prevention services, focusing on behavioral health services.

After some discussion, we agreed that we will all complete the forms, coordinating them within our own agencies to avoid as much duplication as possible and sharing outside our agencies

when appropriate to get the information. As for those agencies already listed in First Link, we will inquire as to whether First Link has a mechanism to update those listings.

B. How do we address service gaps? We want to identify behavioral health services gaps in rural areas or other communities the lack of which may cause kids to have to be placed outside their homes....what can reasonably be done to reinforce or build community based services to keep kids in their homes? It was asked: What really are the missing services? Are there services that are not being utilized but could be helpful. What do our kids need and what is missing? Also, have to consider that the court and social service personnel are stretched and cannot get in front of the crisis.

C. What opportunities are there to address the capacity for intensive in-home treatment programs for kids that cannot or do not utilize community based services? We discussed the clinical overlay for kids, so we do an assessment or order and how do we follow-up.

Multiple issues were raised with regard to gaps and what service options for the gaps exist. It was suggested that perhaps we devote a meeting to discussing the assessment process and availability and follow-up. We also came back to whether there is a knowledge issue about available services? Is there a work force issue? Is it a facility issue? Brad brought up a specific case that he is working on and a gap issue as an example: Kids in placement have a difficult time getting their medications and why can't YCC deliver prescriptions to kids? On another topic, Cory mentioned that he had over one million dollars to train providers in evidence based practices and only half the money got used.

Thinking of the directory, Josh pointed out that a key thing is going to be how we get this coordinated across agencies so we get the broadest possible list of resources and we also do not want multiple people duplicating efforts by filling out the same services/resources.

The work group was asked to email their structural issues/ cases around delinquent kids to Josh, Carrie or I before the next meeting and we will try to synthesize them into discussion topics.

We reviewed the actual form as to how we should complete it and discussed further who should complete it. The work group will have until the end of December to work on distributing

Action for next meeting:

1. Get the forms distributed in our agencies or to others as appropriate.
2. Email between meetings if you have identified structural issues to be discussed.