

Children's Cabinet Meeting

December 11, 2018

Rhode Island
CHILDREN'S CABINET



Agenda: End of Year Wrap-Up

- Welcome and introductions
- Looking Back: Highlights and updates from 2018
- Looking Forward: Discuss priorities for youth for 2019
- Public Comment

Welcome, Introductions, and Announcements

- Introductions
- Adoption of Minutes
- Announcements

As the Children’s Cabinet, we are committed to enacting our shared, comprehensive **vision for Rhode Island youth.**

<i>Desired Outcome Areas</i>	Early Childhood (0-8)	Middle Childhood (9-14)	Young Adulthood (16-24)
Physically Healthy & Safe	Young children develop appropriately by receiving high-quality early healthcare services.	Adolescents and young adults develop appropriately by receiving regular, coordinated healthcare, avoiding abuse of substances, and accessing reproductive health services.	
	Children live in safe and healthy living environments.		
Behaviorally Able & Emotionally Hopeful	Children with (or at risk of) mental and behavioral health issues receive appropriate treatment and make successful transitions.		
Academically Empowered & Career Ready	Children are ready for elementary school and have access to high-quality early learning and developmental programs.		Adolescents and young adults access, afford, and complete college.
		Adolescents and young adults prepare for and thrive in appropriate, in-demand jobs.	
	Children regularly attend, actively participate, and progress appropriately in school.		
Socially, Civically, & Culturally Engaged		Children and adolescents avoid justice system involvement.	
	Children and youth engage positively with each other and their communities, and access sports, after-school and community-based programming.		
Supported by Stable Families & Communities	Children and families are supported by stable wages and housing.		
	Families with children maintain stability and meet basic needs during periods of household unemployment or under-employment.		




To achieve this vision for youth and support our work, we believe that **collaboration is key**. The Cabinet supports the youth vision by:

- 1 Developing a common agenda with shared goals
- 2 Partnering with the community
- 3 Supporting each other's goals
- 4 Communicating frequently to align our work
- 5 Coordinating resource allocations to maximize our impact

The Cabinet staff and working groups lead initiatives for youth ages 0-24 and support alignment & collaboration across agencies.

Alignment:

Initiatives for Youth:

Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates to the Strategic Plan 	Leading	<p>The Children's Cabinet actively manages and is accountable for achieving a goal/deliverable.</p>		<p><i>Example: 3rd Grade Reading Action Plan</i></p>
Coordinated Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze budget for investments in youth and families 	Coordinating	<p>The Cabinet serves in a coordinating capacity for a goal/deliverable, but the department is accountable.</p>		<p><i>Example: Voluntary Extension of Care Interagency Working Group</i></p>
		Supporting	<p>The Cabinet is amplifying and providing input as requested / as needed.</p>		<p><i>Example: PrepareRI & Career Pathways Advisory Committee</i></p>

Physically Healthy & Safe

Highlights from 2018:

DCYF and RIDOH partnered to:

- *Implement Pivot to Prevention Recommendations*
 - **A:** Develop additional risk tiers for Newborn Developmental Risk Screening at birth to identify families for persistent outreach, ongoing support, and follow up for RIDOH's family home visiting services
 - **B:** Strengthen engagement with pregnant moms open to DCYF
 - **C:** Introduce clear referral criteria and process for CPS to quickly make appropriate referrals to preventative services
 - **D:** Strengthen routine and timely DCYF/RIDOH data sharing and monitoring to track referrals from CPS to preventative services
- *Implement Safe Sleep Training for agency staff*
 - Through collaboration RIDOH and DCYF staff have trained over 500 individuals (State agency staff & community agency staff)
- *Support families experiencing substance use*
 - DCYF and RIDOH collaboratively implemented Plans of Safe Care to support infants identified at birth as being impacted by substance exposure

Behaviorally Able & Emotionally Hopeful

Highlight from 2018: Healthy Transitions, Youth Suicide Prevention, and State Youth Treatment

- *Healthy Transitions programs* at Community Care Alliance and Thrive Behavioral Health. 165 unique individuals served ages 16-25, who have, or at risk of, a serious mental illness; 50 individuals had 1st episode psychosis. At discharge, self-reported outcomes:
 - **175%** improvement in everyday functioning, **100%** improvement in not having serious psychological distress, **100%** increase in employment, **20%** decrease in using illegal substances, however there was a **33%** decrease in stable housing
- *State Youth Treatment Grant* targets individuals ages 12-25 who are at risk, or are experiencing substance use disorders and/or co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders.
 - Implemented the “Seven Challenges,” a comprehensive counseling program for youth and young adults that works on alcohol and other drug problems, at Comprehensive Community Action Program and Family Services of Rhode Island.
- *Youth Suicide Prevention Grant* targets individuals ages 10-24 at risk for suicide. Since 2016, Rhode Island has moved from having the 18th lowest teen suicide rate in the U.S. (8.4) to the lowest teen suicide rate in the country in 2018 at **4.7 deaths per 100,000** adolescents aged 15-19.

Academically Empowered & Career Ready

Highlights from 2018:

- *Strong Foundations*: Reducing chronic absence through school accountability, Attendance Tool, and statewide best practice event
- *Career Pathways*: Record growth in CTE programs, advanced courses, no-cost early college enrollment, and PrepareRI Internship
- *Rhode Island Promise*:
 - Since the launch of RI Promise, CCRI has seen a **43%** increase in first-time, full-time student enrollment; **54%** increase in students receiving Pell grants; and **62%** increase in students of color.
 - **Four times** the number of first-time, full-time students are on-track to graduate in two years compared to the prior year.

Socially, Civically, and Culturally Engaged

Highlight from 2018:

- Youth engagement at Children's Cabinet meetings & department forums
- Youth leadership groups, such as:
 - Youth Advisory Council
 - The Voice
 - Student Advisory Council



*Let's Talk Mental Health Youth Focus Group,
Providence Children & Youth Cabinet*

Supported by Stable Families & Communities



Highlights from 2018:

ACF Whole Family Approach to Jobs Initiative aims to make policy, regulatory and/ or operational changes to support two-generational work by:

- Improving access for families involved with Department of Human Services (DHS) and Department of Children Youth and Families (DCYF) to access or continue receiving benefits without interruption
- Developing a MOU with DOH, DCYF and DHS for cross agency training
- Conducting co-home visits with RI DOH and DHS
- Proposing policy changes to child support requirement for participation in CCAP

High Quality Child Care for All

- Tiered reimbursement was passed in the 2018 legislative session
- Created professional development opportunities in English and Spanish for early childhood educators
- Working with DCYF to continue to ensure consistent licensing measurement and enforcement as part of the foundation for BrightStars (QRIS).

Discussion: Looking Forward to 2019

- What are priorities for you in the coming year in the strategic outcome areas?
 - Physically Healthy & Safe
 - Behaviorally Able & Emotionally Hopeful
 - Academically Prepared & Career Ready
 - Civically, Socially, and Culturally Engaged
 - Supported by Stable Families & Communities
- How can the Children's Cabinet better support you in continuing to bring about the vision for youth?

Public Comment