

Collaboration

**Purpose** (*purpose of collaboration*)

- Use strengths of other partners
- Help connect to the community
- Deliver all and the best possible services
- Avoid recreating/reinventing the wheel-avoid duplication
- Properly utilize resources based on budget cuts
- Increase worker confidence
- Share resources
- More awareness
- Learn from clients (youth, students, etc.)
- Breaks down barriers/boundaries
- Territorial-HIPPA, confidentiality
- Helps expand service network

**Already Happening** (*things already happening that we could either collaborate with or learn from*)

**KY Youth Coordinating Committee**  
**YOU Program-partner with business and government entities**

**Chaffee monthly meetings (all providers and other relevant agencies)**

**Resource fair (government agencies, colleges, businesses); last year several hundred youth attended** (*happens every year in Louisville-Arlene mentioned this and the involvement of the YOU program*)

**Started with meeting of CEOs-need buy-in from the top, key to successful collaboration**

**Quality Care meetings (Two lakes region)**

**PCCs, IL issues, SRAAs-open floor for all issues**

**Financial aid offices** (*working with kids to access college*)

**Goals** (*Yes, this was everything short-term we thought should be completed or at least in the process of completing*)

**Short-term (within the next year)**

**Filming of youth completed**

**Flip book of resources for youth-may be different for providers (Metro United Way used to produce guide)** (*they thought a guide already exists that we can use as well*)

**Website Kentucky Cares-Family and Youth Services**

*UK Inventory-Jennifer Hall, resource mapping by  
Chris Grober*

**Weaknesses of current system**

*Who would be at the table to address issues*  
*Buy-in needed-meet with advisory board members*  
*prior*

*IL coordinators and workers need to be involved*  
*Build profile during training*

**Discuss collaboration between SRAs and SRAAs**  
**IL coordinators used to develop guide for**  
**particular region**

**Breakdown between DCBS and Adult Services**  
**Aftercare plan starting at age 14-identify adults**  
**they have positive relationships with**

*Best practice*

*Difficult with high caseloads*

*Aftercare plan-Chafee starts working with youth*  
*at age 12*

*Must have foster parent buy-in(I think this was*  
*expanded in our curriculum during the last update)*

**Review collaboration module**

**Ways to involve community partners/foster**  
**parents in training**

**Foster Care Review Board-can put pressure on**  
**Cabinet/upper-management**

**Next meeting discuss long-term goals**

*To think about for next meeting: other agencies and*  
*groups we need to interface with on IL issues*