

A Cross-System Plan Review Panel to provide a review of the service plan for identified youth and families for whom the current service plan does not appear sufficient to assure their success in the community.

Special focus will be on decreasing:

- Suspensions from our services/ systems
  - Risks to self or others
  - High-end placements

### Key Voices at the Table

- School Systems
- Faith Community
- Mental Health
- Parent Advocacy
- Juvenile Justice
- Department of Child Services
- Youth Development
- The family and/or youth

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## Cross-System Plan Review Panel

*Ensuring the success of youth,  
one child at a time*



St. Joseph County  
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## How Does It Work?

Identified youth can be brought for review by any system and must meet at least one of the criteria below:

- Involvement in at least one child or youth-serving system
- The usual services/planning process has not delivered the desired results
- Additional brainstorming/ resources may be needed beyond what is currently on board or has been available for access

A meeting of families with experienced youth and family-serving staff who care about the success of all children in our community.

## This differs from a provider meeting on several counts:

- The panel consists of persons who have field experience and a position of influence within their organization that allows them to leverage resources or provide flexibility regarding an issue that may not appear to be available on the first attempt.
- Because panelists are not personally involved with the case, there are increased opportunities for unbiased perspectives and new and creative solutions.
- The family will be present whenever possible (as well as the youth when indicated).
- Panel suggestions/recommendations are purely advisory to the staff and families involved

## Plan Review Process

- 1) Staff secures appropriate releases of information for the Plan Review Panel (PRP).
- 2) Staff contacts the SOC Coordinator to place the youth and family on the staffing list (contact info on back).
- 3) Two days prior to the meeting, coordinator e-mails the PRP to confirm the meeting including location and time, names of those to be staffed, status of releases of information, and how many cases will be presented.
- 4) At the meeting, staff distributes pertinent information to panelists which may include:
  - a. Plan Review Presentation Form (required)
  - b. Evaluations, summaries of progress
  - c. Legal dispositions
  - d. School information
- 5) The panel hears from the family, reviews the information and brainstorms regarding next steps or possible solutions which family and staff can utilize in ongoing planning.