



Barrow County Family Connection, Inc.
Barrow County
FY17 Annual Plan
July 01, 2016 - June 30, 2017

Governance Type: Private non-profit body

Collaborative Functional Type: Partner Engagement

Description of Collaborative Functional Type:

The Barrow County Family Connection Collaborative is focused on recruiting new community partners and increasing participation of existing partners in order to increase awareness and develop solutions to issues facing the county. There is a lack of information sharing of the existing resources and talent in Barrow County and we believe that placing our focus on uniting partners for the betterment of all will move the collaborative forward. The work of the collaborative is accomplished in many, varied ways. Each month partners gather for an interagency meeting. At these meetings, information is shared among agencies and organizations providing services to families and decisions are made regarding the overall direction of the collaborative work. In FY 17, we will continue to have partner outreach in every collaborative meeting as a method to engage the community, increase awareness about the importance of sharing resources and promoting activities to improve the community. Board recruitment is central to reorganizing the current collaborative to be more functional and sustainable.

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Desired Outcome: Increase school success.

Child and Family Indicators:

Indicator	Data Source
3rd grade students achieving Developing Learner or above on Milestones ELA assessment [CS8a]	Georgia Kids Count
Other [LD10] Increased early literacy	Barrow Book Partnership data
Other [LD10] Increased family engagement	Barrow Book Partnership data
Other [LD10] Increased Kindergarten readiness	Barrow County SS Kindergarten test scores

Collaborative Needs:

Need
Need more collaborative members from the business sector.
Need increased youth engagement.
Need increased attendance and participation by existing members.
Need collaborative agreements signed by all participants to signify partnership.
Need in kind and financial contributions from partners.
Need increased attendance and participation by board members.
Need to help facilitate relationship for Healthy Marriages and Relationship Education Training Project.

Collaborative Indicators:

Indicator	Data Source
Increased monetary and in-kind donations from collaborative partners.	BCFC collaborative records, MOUs, and agreements.
Increased collaborative participation (business/youth)	Collaborative sign-in sheets
In-kind contributions from partners (office space, referral, meals) for HMRE project	Collaborative Minutes/Committee Minutes

Strategy: Barrow County Family Connection, Inc. will broaden and strengthen community partnerships by increasing business and student involvement, providing clear communication about member expectations, increasing meeting attendance, securing MOU's with partner agencies and increasing resources in order to improve school success.

Activity Type	Activity Name	Description	Target Group
Systems Change	Home In 5 participation, promotion	Participate in foster recruitment and support.	Foster services.
Collaborative Development	Targeted recruiting	Seek collaborative members from all sectors of the community targeting deficient segments.	Community
Collaborative Development	Youth development	Extend invitations to collaborative functions to students.	Students
Collaborative Development	Partner sharing	Provide agenda line for partner sharing.	Collaborative
Collaborative Development	Business outreach	Continue to promote the collaborative to the business sector. Recruit new board members.	Business members
Family Engagement	Collaborative incentive	Involve family members in the collaborative process. Meals are provided.	Families
Family Engagement	Partner benefits	Encourage family members to participate and enhance partner programs and events.	Community and collaborate
Family Engagement	Barrow Book Partnership information distribution	Promote family reading and early literacy.	Community and collaborate
Communications	PR and social media	Increase speaking engagements, press releases, and social media postings.	Community
Communications	Barrow County Family Connection newsletter	Monthly newsletter with community needs, opportunities, and events listed.	Community
Communications	Resource Guide	Distribute hard copy and electronic copy of resource guide annually.	Community

Program/Service Name	Description	Target Group	Implementing Partner	Collaborative Responsibility
Back to school bash	Resource fair and school supply distribution	Families with school age children.	Family Connection and community partners	Collect, accept, and organize school supply donations. Schedule participating vendors and distribute items. Organize volunteers.
HRME partnership	Promote HRME	Community	Collaborative	Maintain partnership and contribute resources.
Barrow Book Partnership	Early literacy and family engagement partner program. Quarterly distribution of free books, informational and educational materials, and a reading buddy.	Families with children under 6. WIC recipients, foster families and Child Find participants.	Barrow Book Partnership including collaborative members.	Publish quarterly newsletter. Publication includes activities and information. Presentations to recipients.
Youth Conference	Summer Youth Conference	Middle and high school students	Family Connection and community partners	Schedule participating community members and distribute items. Organize volunteers. Contribute conference materials.
Holiday Connection	Holiday assistance for disadvantaged community members	Community	Family Connection and community partners	Collect, organize, accept and screen applications, schedule and distribute holiday connection items. Organize volunteers. Fundraising, donations.
Resource center	Family Connection lobby is used as a resource center available to the public.	Community	Family Connection and community partners	Implementation and/or distribution.
HRME Project	Partner with UGA	Community	HRME Grant staff	Promote foster classes, kinship care, and classes.

To Document and Monitor Progress:

We will rely on assessment tools that are currently in place including the Collaborative Vitality Survey, self-assessment, and participant tracking focused on business and youth sectors. We will gauge partner participation and results.

The Executive Committee will be responsible for tracking all of our indicators and providing a report to the collaborative at year end to help shape our FY18 plan. Our two benchmarks are as follows:

1. Youth collaborative members increase from 0 to 1 in 2017. The data source will be collaborative membership and meeting records.
2. Business collaborative members increase from 0 to 2 in 2017. The data source will be collaborative membership and meeting records.