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Barrow County Family Connection, Inc.

Barrow County

FY18 Annual Plan

July 01, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Governance Type: Private non-profit body

Collaborative Functional Type: Partner Engagement

Collaborative Description and Activities to Strengthen Effectiveness: The Barrow County Family Connection Collaborative is focused on recruiting a more diverse community representation and increasing participation of existing partners. Our goal is to increase grade level reading competencies and improve school success. We strive to present possible solutions to issues preventing children from achieving age level Pre-K entrance exam scores.

* In the past, there has been a lack of information sharing of the existing resources in Barrow County.

* We currently share talent and resources among agencies and organizations providing services to families. Decisions are made collectively regarding the overall direction of the collaborative. Committees, including Youth Connection and Holiday Connection, provide resources and assistance. The collaborative includes multitude partners, committees and programs that do targeted work.

* We will continue to engage the community and increase awareness about the importance of sharing resources. We will promote and participate in activities to improve the community.

* New board members bring an understanding of the issues in our county and have committed to providing support in our efforts. Board training and development are central to continue the current upward movement of the collaborative to continue to be functional and sustainable.

Desired Outcome: Increased School Readiness

Strategy: The collaborative will broaden and strengthen community partnerships by diversifying members and involving more students. In order to increase resources, the collaborative will provide clear communication about member expectations in order to increase school readiness.

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

Activity Type	Activity Name	Description	Target Group
Collaborative Development	Recruiting new partners	Seek collaborative members from all sectors of the community.	Youth 12-19, retired community members, faith-based and diverse ethnic members.
Family Engagement	Promote collaborative involvement	Involve family members in the collaborative process. Encourage family members to participate and enhance collaborative programs and events. Promote to leadership positions.	Family Representatives
Family Engagement	Barrow Book Partnership information distribution	Barrow Book Partnership provides free books and parent resources at WIC classes, DFCS and the Barrow County Schools System. BBP promotes parent involvement, reading and early literacy.	Parents of children age 0-5
Results Accountability	Data Sharing	Collaborative semi-annual updates including KidsCount, county and state data.	Collaborative
Sustainability	Fundraising	Face to face solicitation, social media campaigns, and events to sustain collaborative functions.	Collaborative
Sustainability	Partner support	Assist partners in fundraising to support collaborative programs.	Collaborative
Communications	Newsletter, resource guide, PR and social media	Increase speaking engagements, press releases, and social media postings. Monthly newsletter with community needs, opportunities, and events	Community

		listed. Distribute hard copy and electronic copy of resource guide annually.	
Communications	Program Coordinating Committee (PCC)	Serve on committee to implement community programs. Promote and participate in community programs and assistance.	Community

Program/Service Name	Description	Target Group	Lead Implementing Partner	Collaborative Responsibility
Get Georgia Reading	Campaign for Grade Level Reading	Birth - 5	BCFC Executive Director, Piedmont Regional Library, Barrow County School System.	Support a common agenda as a framework for action so that all children in Georgia become proficient readers by the end of third grade.
Project FREE	Evidence-informed programs to improve couple and co-parenting functioning, increase economic stability, and create positive and stable homes. Includes couple and co-parenting programs designed to help parents form, improve, and sustain healthy relationships. Also provides services to help families make progress toward lasting economic stability.	Foster parents, couples and single parents	PROJECT FREE University of Georgia Grant staff	Promote foster family, kinship care, and financial stability classes.
Home In 5	A public-private partnership to increase foster care awareness, foster homes, and support in Region 5	Prospective foster parents	DFCS	Participate in foster recruitment through monthly newsletter, collaborative spotlight and social media.
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	Publish quarterly newsletter. Publication includes activities and information. Presentations to recipients.

Holiday Connection	Collect, organize, accept and screen holiday assistance applications. Schedule and distribute holiday connection items. Organize volunteers, fundraising, and donations.	Families with school age children	Collaborative	Accept and screen applications. Match sponsors and distribute donated items. Organize volunteers, fundraise and secure venue.
Youth Connection	Youth conference and youth educational resource distribution through newsletter and social media.	Youth 13-18	Collaborative	Organize, plan and implement summer youth conference.
Back 2 School Bash	Resource fair and school supply distribution.	Families with school age children.	Collaborative	Collect, accept, and organize school supply donations. Schedule participating vendors and distribute items. Organize volunteers.
Community Prevention Alliance Workgroup (CPAW)	Reduce drinking and substance abuse	Youth 5-21	The Council on Alcohol and Drugs	Serve on committee to promote healthy practices and educate the community on findings and prevention programs.

To Document and Monitor Progress:

<u>Collection Method</u>	<u>Data collection responsible party</u>	<u>Timeline</u>	<u>Reporting responsible party</u>	<u>Timeline</u>
Collaborative Vitality Survey	Collaborative	Annually	Executive Director	Annually
Self Assessment	Executive Director, BOD	Annually	Executive Director, Chair	Annually
Partner Engagement Matrix	Executive Director	Semi-Annually	Executive Director	Annually
Meeting Sign - In Sheets	Executive Director, Secretary	Monthly	Executive Director, Secretary	Monthly
Georgia Health Student Survey	School System	Annually	Executive Director	Annually

Kids Count Data Tools	Anne E Casey Foundation	Semi-Annually	Executive Director	Monthly
Local Data	County and local agencies	Annually	Executive Director	Annually