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Maximizing Strengths to Achieve
Positive Outcomes for Children

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Leadership:

Overcoming Resistance

- Fragmented System
 - No Shared Vision Between Agencies
 - Hard Work With No Clear Goal
 - Lack of Trust
 - Poor Public Image
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Three Specific Examples

Entity	Authority	Membership	Function
Child Protection & Accountability Commission	State Statute	Sr. Level State Govt. & Community Advocates	Policy and Cross-System Issues
DFS Advisory and Advocacy Council	Federal Regulation	Community based services Directors and Leaders	Advisory and Advocacy
APPLA Workgroup	DFS Director Initiation	All levels of staff from state govt, community, advocates and providers	Review system wide practice and policies affecting teens.

Child Protection and Accountability Commission:

Membership:

- DSCYF & DOE Cabinet Secretary, DFS & DCMH Directors, Chief Judge of Family Court (+1), Attorney General (+1), State Senator, State Representative, Chairs of CPRB & DVCC, 8 At - Large Members (*see specifics in handout*)
- Staffed by the Office of the Child Advocate

Purpose:

- Monitor and address service barriers across systems

Accomplishments:

- Caseload standard reduction
 - Training collaborative
 - Developed a subcommittee to review children's mental health concerns.
 - Introduced legislation on extended jurisdiction.
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Advisory and Advocacy Council:

Membership:

- Child welfare service providers and advocates; DFS Director and DFS leadership team.

Purpose:

- To advise, guide and support public/private programming initiatives.

Accomplishments:

- Lobbied General Assembly
 - Participated in CFSR
 - Assisted in developing IL benchmarks
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Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement:

Membership:

- State government: child welfare, courts, review bodies, advocates and education, private providers (child placement agencies and independent living), youth

Purpose:

- System-wide review of practice and policies:
 - reduce the number of youth in care with an APPLA goal
 - to improve IL services for those youth who must age out of care.

Accomplishments:

- Statewide effort to reform state's culture in serving teens in care
 - Increased efforts to retain family connections.
 - Revised procedures and decision making processes
 - implemented periodic review of APPLA goal.
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Numerous Other Efforts

- Quarterly CIP Meetings
(Judges/DFS Leadership)
- CFSR PIP Steering Comm
- Youth Advisory Council
- DFS/AIG Insurance Partnership
- DFS/WSFS Partnership
- Commerce Bank/State Farm/ Partnership
- JDAI
- Monthly Hospital Meetings
- Interagency Committee on Adoption
- MOUs with:
 - Education
 - Dept of Justice
 - Public Health
 - Police,
 - Public Health
 - Developmental Disabilities
 - Child Support
- Faith Based Initiatives
- Delaware State Housing Authority

Websites:

Additional Information

- *Division of Family Services (DFS)*

http://extranet.kids.state.de.us/kids/dfs_home.shtml

- *Child Placement Review Board (CPRB)*

<http://courts.delaware.gov/cprb/index.htm>

- *Child Protection & Accountability Commission (CPAC)*

<http://courts.delaware.gov/childadvocate/cpachistory.stm>

- *Address*

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