

Question	Prioritized Responses	
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<p>What is working well in your community for families with young children?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Child Care                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Day care</li> <li>○ Minimum standards for child care</li> <li>○ Child care referrals &amp; enhanced referrals for infants &amp; toddlers</li> <li>○ Training for child care providers that care for infants and toddlers</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Care coordination program for prenatal moms/dads</li> <li>▪ Health Families (but limited number)</li> <li>▪ Health Families Home Visiting</li> <li>▪ WIC</li> <li>▪ Covering Kids &amp; Families</li> <li>▪ Head Start/ early head start programs.</li> <li>▪ First Steps</li> <li>▪ First Steps &amp; Hancock/Boone/Madison cooperative doing developmental screenings 5 yrs for 6 months- through kdg.</li> <li>▪ Reading Is fundamental</li> <li>▪ OFC Application process</li> <li>▪ Immunization Clinics</li> <li>▪ Dental smile mobile</li> <li>▪ Governor’s Commission on Early Learning &amp; school readiness has begun</li> <li>▪ Healthy Start</li> <li>▪ MCHD TIPS Parenting Class</li> <li>▪ Fathers Resource Program</li> <li>▪ IAIEYC \$ FOR Early childhood professionals TEACH</li> </ul>	<p>Group I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Success by Six planning</li> <li>▪ PAT curriculum</li> <li>▪ K+</li> <li>▪ VBS</li> <li>▪ Parent education about child development</li> <li>▪ Hoosier Healthwise</li> <li>▪ Smile Mobile</li> <li>▪ Health Department</li> <li>▪ Regular Immunizations</li> <li>▪ Head Start</li> <li>▪ Even Start</li> <li>▪ Integrated Preschool program at Gateway</li> <li>▪ Boys &amp; Girls Club</li> <li>▪ Partnership for a Healthier Johnson County Maternal Child Health Team</li> <li>▪ Families in Transition for families involved in divorce</li> <li>▪ Project STEPS--for children transitioning to different services/programs 0-5 years</li> <li>▪ Ruby Payne “Bridges to Poverty”</li> <li>▪ Step Ahead</li> <li>▪ Free Support Services for families</li> <li>▪ First Steps services/providers</li> <li>▪ Bookmobile</li> <li>▪ Christamore House preschool program</li> <li>▪ Healthy Families</li> <li>▪ Community Centers/after school @community centers</li> <li>▪ Fatherhood Center</li> <li>▪ YMCA programs</li> <li>▪ Annual children’s fall festival</li> <li>▪ WIC</li> </ul>

		<p>Group II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ First Steps</li><li>▪ Public awareness for early intervention services</li><li>▪ Family to Family referrals</li><li>▪ Lots of kids getting health insurance (Hoosier Healthwise)</li><li>▪ INAccess improving customer service for perinatal care</li><li>▪ Parents as First Teachers programs</li><li>▪ Children’s Hospital services<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Riley</li><li>○ St. Vincent’s</li></ul></li><li>▪ Verbal behavior programs</li><li>▪ Some schools open to ways to teach “unteachable” children</li><li>▪ Immunizations</li><li>▪ Support Services Waiver (for those who are on it)</li><li>▪ Vision screening in schools—certain areas</li><li>▪ Domestic violence programs are in place</li><li>▪ Healthy Families serving lots of at-risk families</li><li>▪ Strong advocacy for special needs kids through IPIN</li><li>▪ Dyslexia Institute’s Camp Delafield</li><li>▪ Dental services<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ SEAL program for dental health</li><li>○ Smile Mobile</li></ul></li><li>▪ Head Start</li><li>▪ Ronald McDonald House</li><li>▪ INSource and IPIN available for calls</li><li>▪ INSource &amp; Governor’s Planning Council funds for parent training</li><li>▪ FQHC’s (community health centers) providing primary care</li></ul>
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<p>What are some barriers related to raising young children?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Child Care Issues                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lack of funding for child care</li> <li>○ Child care \$\$</li> <li>○ Affordable child care</li> <li>○ Inconsistent regulations (or lack there of) for child care</li> <li>○ Lack of "quality" child care</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Access to medical care                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Resources getting to the people in need (red tape)</li> <li>○ Medical staff not serving Medicaid recipients</li> <li>○ Poor insurance coverage for PT, OT, speech therapy</li> <li>○ Children not on Hoosier Healthwise</li> <li>○ Late prenatal care or no care</li> <li>○ Offices that are only open until 4:30 or 5:00</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Family Supports                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Temporary assistance</li> <li>○ Low income (any type of income) sometimes can stop the assistance when it is still needed</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">Other</p> <p>Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Transportation</li> <li>▪ Housing—low income</li> <li>▪ Literacy</li> <li>▪ Non-family friendly policies by employers</li> <li>▪ Buy-in from parents to accept program support</li> <li>▪ Education—assistance above HS, getting</li> </ul>	<p>Group I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Parent Education                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Uneducated parents</li> <li>○ Lack of education</li> <li>○ No life skills</li> <li>○ Low self esteem</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ No Parent Handbook</li> <li>▪ Transportation                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No transportation</li> <li>○ Unable to drive</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Housing                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Inadequate housing</li> <li>○ Housing/jobs</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Group II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Access to services                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Know where to start</li> <li>○ Hours of service in community based services &amp; schools</li> <li>○ Co-pays/cost First Steps stops parents from calling</li> <li>○ First Steps Coordinator...then nobody to help coordinate</li> <li>○ Not enough respite/grants/funds for intense needs children</li> <li>○ No follow-up after screenings are performed so parents will have a direction to adequate services of care</li> <li>○ First Steps system always changing (ex: moving to clustering)</li> <li>○ First Steps not provider friendly (lack of communication)</li> <li>○ Parents not aware of importance of</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>higher education</li> <li>▪ Single parenting</li> <li>▪ Funding for faith-based outreach programs</li> <li>▪ Educating community about resources</li> <li>▪ Duplication of services</li> <li>▪ Language barriers             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ESL</li> <li>○ Spanish language</li> <li>○ Language/cultural barriers for parents to access services/support</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Mental Health Services             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lack of early mental health services</li> <li>○ Substance abuse of parents/lack of treatment resources.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>good vision, eye health (can include other medical professionals)</li> <li>○ Lack of awareness of services and importance</li> <li>○ Dental health</li> <li>○ Waiting lists for waivers, special ed evaluation, therapists, doctors, diagnosis, specialists</li> <li>○ Language barriers prevent access</li> <li>○ Lack of cultural competence among providers</li> <li>○ Lack of health insurance, not knowing what is out there in community</li> <li>○ Misdiagnosing needed care</li> <li>○ Doctors not referring families early enough</li> <li>○ Doctors/schools don't believe in dyslexia</li> <li>○ Lack of speech therapists</li> <li>○ 1 in 166 children have autism (per CDC)</li> <li>○ 1 in 6 children have developmental delay (per CDC)</li> <li>▪ Poverty &amp; Homelessness</li> <li>▪ Parent Education             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lack of education</li> <li>○ Lack of parent understanding how they can help their child "what is normal"</li> <li>○ Lack of understanding about the importance of the early years</li> <li>○ Parents following gut to get to bottom of issues: health, medical, education, diagnosis</li> <li>○ Complexity of systems—not user friendly</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<p>What does your community need to do to ensure that children are safe, healthy and ready to learn?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Child Care                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide affordable day care</li> <li>○ Support/bring in more low-income childcare \$\$</li> <li>○ Learn what quality child care really is &amp; demand it</li> <li>○ Train child care providers (license, etc)</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ After school Programs                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ After school activities/programs</li> <li>○ Increase safe havens that include academics</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Child Protection                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fix the CPS system to support families in need</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Community--find programs to fit your needs &amp; pursue it</li> </ul> <hr/> <p>Other Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Child welfare                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Feed them/protect them</li> <li>○ Adequate, nutritious foods</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Access                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Make services more accessible &amp; available</li> <li>○ Organize most of the programs to a resource data base--accessible</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Affordable Health care for everyone</li> <li>▪ Outreach services to families—to teach importance of early intervention</li> <li>▪ Get involved with child &amp; parent(s) before birth, continue support until school age</li> </ul>	<p>Group I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Parent Education                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Start training the parents</li> <li>○ Parent education on the needs of children</li> <li>○ Give each new parent info packet</li> <li>○ Educate parents on the requirements of parenthood</li> <li>○ Offer parent education after birth at hospitals</li> <li>○ Life skills training</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Leadership                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Educate local leaders about issues concerning young children</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Early Education                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Make kindergarten mandatory</li> <li>○ Support early childhood education programs</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Early Childhood Development class in high schools</li> </ul> <p>Group II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Access to services                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improve access to affordable vision services through screenings, follow-ups</li> <li>○ Educate parents, daycare providers on importance of early eye exams as young as 6 months</li> <li>○ Make health insurance affordable</li> <li>○ Early identification</li> <li>○ More public health screenings</li> <li>○ Children kicked out of multiple day cares for behavior, referral into</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Allocate \$\$ for needed programs</li> <li>▪ Offer home visiting support to all families</li> <li>▪ Assure that families are safe, secure and supported</li> <li>▪ Preschool activities in the community</li> <li>▪ Educating providers on how to access mental health services for children/families             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>“system” to evaluate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Communicate between daycare/child care/medical/ school/ First Steps for difficult children</li> <li>○ Easier access for men to health services by coordinating as many services as possible for families who are uninsured or underinsured</li> <li>○ Increase capacity for services (not just more \$, but competent quality providers &amp; organizations)</li> <li>○ Improve public transportation to improve access to existing services</li> <li>○ More domestic violence education &amp; programs</li> <li>▪ Early Intervention             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improve First Steps organization and create better standards for coordinators</li> <li>○ Coordinate assessments between First Steps and childcare providers</li> <li>○ Increase doctor training on delays, conditions &amp; syndromes</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Early learning             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Stay at home Moms/Dads target for teaching early learning skills pretend play, rote memory skills, increase language</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Alternative Approaches             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rule out medical, genetic, vision, dental, developmental issues</li> <li>○ Openness to alternative health holistic approach, food, vitamins, additives</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<p>What does your community need to do to ensure that children have access to comprehensive services?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Information on resources                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Centralized database to access info re community services</li> <li>○ Public service announcements</li> <li>○ Community newspaper</li> <li>○ Teach the providers what services are open to families</li> <li>○ Educate natural community leaders about services (i.e. faith leaders, neighborhood)</li> <li>○ Child health fairs where all services are present</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Access                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ One intake form that refers families to the programs they need</li> <li>○ One stop services</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Need Identification                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Help families identify needs and follow up to ensure that these needs are being met</li> <li>○ Work with medical community for early identification of children's needs.</li> <li>○</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <hr/> <p>Other Issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop early childhood programs based on the Head Start model</li> <li>▪ Either provide transportation or offer home visits for programs</li> <li>▪ Provide more community health clinics for children &amp; pregnant mothers</li> </ul>	<p>Group I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Resources                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Teach the parents of all the resources available</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Access                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Easy access</li> <li>○ Make the system easy to access/visible</li> <li>○ Friendly &amp; dependable service</li> <li>○ Services on bus line</li> <li>○ Group services located in one center</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Funding                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide dollars to increase services</li> <li>○ Continued funding for programs which are working</li> <li>○ Cost based on income/don't deny anyone</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Group II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Coordination                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Coordination between school, doctor, parents, medical, dental, specialists, childcare</li> <li>○ Take full advantage of technology for common access &amp; coordination</li> <li>○ Better transition from First Steps</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Parent Education                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Educate parents to be advocates</li> <li>○ Funds for training parents</li> <li>○ Education regarding Medicaid covering kids for parent and social services</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Collaboration                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Build systems that force people to</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continuum of care</li> <li>▪ More case management services at birth of children and prenatally</li> <li>▪ Convince lawmakers of importance of services being in the community</li> <li>▪ Expand 1<sup>st</sup> Steps and Healthy Families.</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>	<p>share info &amp; clients</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Open communication channels between services, stop being territorial</li> <li>○ Collaborate with other community agencies to decrease duplication and provide holistic care as well as easier access</li> <li>○ More outreach to seek out areas that are in need of comprehensive services</li> </ul> <hr/> <p>Other issues</p> <p>Group I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Concern workers</li> <li>▪ Child care</li> <li>▪ Extended hours</li> <li>▪ Advertise services that are available</li> <li>▪ Respite</li> <li>▪ Service collaboration</li> <li>▪ Transportation             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Viable public transportation</li> <li>○ Provide transportation</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Group II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Engage businesses/employers as partners (e.g. flexible family support policies)</li> <li>▪ Access             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Be available on weekends &amp; evenings</li> <li>○ Eliminate wait lists for waiver, Medicaid, doctors, clinics, specialists</li> <li>○ Medicaid select very limited; doctors-referrals</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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<p>What does your community need to do to ensure that services are coordinated, cost effective and community based?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Accountability                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Expect accountability</li> <li>○ Evaluate current services for effectiveness</li> <li>○ Demand positive outcomes</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Collaboration                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Support umbrella associations</li> <li>○ Combine resources</li> <li>○ Hold meetings where agencies come together to talk and share</li> <li>○ Work together to reduce barriers</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Effectiveness                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Eliminate duplication of programs/consolidate/collaborate</li> <li>○ Organize the services to reduce redundancy &amp; make more cost effective</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <hr/> <p>Other issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Step Ahead                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Support the local Step Ahead councils</li> <li>○ Regenerate the step ahead councils or create one umbrella council</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Needs Assessments                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Support a high quality community needs assessment</li> <li>○ Research the need in individual communities and allocate budgets for each specific area</li> <li>○ Tap into existing assessments, studies, surveys.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Group I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Collaboration                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Provide dollars to encourage collaboration among service providers</li> <li>○ Provide funding based on collaboration</li> <li>○ Gov't funders begin to require collaboration (i.e. condition for funding)</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Leadership                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Enlist legislators, commissions, county council, etc. to be involved, and see and hear personal stories</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Evaluation                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Evaluate programs regularly</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Group II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evaluation                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Evaluate existing programs to make sure they are using monies effectively</li> <li>○ Audits for services (where are the funds going?)</li> <li>○ Provide incentives to create agencies that have capacity to deliver. Discourage small start ups.</li> <li>○ Weed out professionals who do not help families</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ One entry point</li> <li>▪ Evidence-Based Practice                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Move toward evidence-based practice</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Home Visiting             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Public health home visiting—nursing &amp; social workers to assist with coordinating services</li> <li>○ Support home visiting and enhance options</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Identify underserved populations Ensure funding over time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Expand funding for research for evidence-based treatments</li> <li>▪ Holistic Approach             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Holistic/total child picture, family extended family, doctors, First Steps, services,</li> <li>○ Person-centered planning</li> <li>○ Professionals no discount (disregard) services by others &amp; by family. AIT, food, diet, chiropractor, neurologist, psychologist, etc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <hr/> <p>Other Issues Group 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ask the Public About their needs</li> <li>▪ Take surveys</li> <li>▪ Complete an application on services</li> <li>▪ Complete involvement &amp; assessment of many target groups—cross representatives of community</li> <li>▪ Create a statewide campaign for it/media message</li> <li>▪ Local issues             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Make agencies share information with each other</li> <li>○ Create a local voice and demand it</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Group II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reduce paperwork</li> <li>▪ Look at what is working in other states</li> <li>▪ Community based services             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Expand funding to multi service community centers</li> <li>○ Community based medical centers which have wide range of services</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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