



KENTUCKY JUDICIAL COMMISSION ON
MENTAL HEALTH

Communication and Collaboration Framework

Connecting Those Responsible for the Health and Well-being of Children and Their Families

The purpose of a collaboration framework is to provide a coordinated strategy for child-serving agencies and their communications with youth, families, partner organizations, the judiciary, and the public.

This is a best practice approach to serving youth experiencing substance use, mental health, and intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.

Vision: Communities where fewer children are at risk of delinquency and ensuring that those who are receive appropriate and effective opportunities to live safe, healthy, and fulfilling lives.



How Child-Serving Agencies Can Utilize the Communication and Collaboration Framework

- Provide cross-training to staff of other agencies to promote collaboration and reduce communication barriers
- Collaborate with local community partners to assess and identify local needs, resources, and priorities to target at-risk youth
- Develop and implement locally-based strategies of integrated prevention and graduated responses
- Coordinate activities between child-serving agencies to improve local response to youth in need
- Provide timely, accurate, and applicable information to community partners and communicate how their involvement impacts decision-making
- Incorporate recommendations into decisions and communicate clearly to collaborators about the decisions being made and what to expect
- Ensure collaborators reflect the diversity of the communities they serve and receive input from the marginalized populations impacted by the system
- Regularly and promptly share local and statewide performance measure data and the impact of collaborative decisions and community engagement
- Develop partnerships with other organizations responsible for the health and well-being of children and their families

My Community Partners

Law Enforcement

School Representatives

Local Businesses/Non-Profits

Health Providers

Courts

Parent or Youth Representatives

Child Welfare

Others
