



Colorado Experiences in Engaging Non-Traditional Partners

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Joint Initiatives for Youth & Families



A 501(c)3 established in 1989

19 CEOs Comprise Board of Directors

Vision & Mission

To Build A Healthy Community And Strong Families Through Collaborative Leadership.

Strategic Issue Statement for 2006-08

JI uses its collaborative voice to lead the community in building an integrated system that improves the quality of life and supports positive, sustainable outcomes for children and their families.

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Fiscal Agent - External

Alliance for Kids
0-8 yrs

HB1451
WAY for Families
10-21 yrs

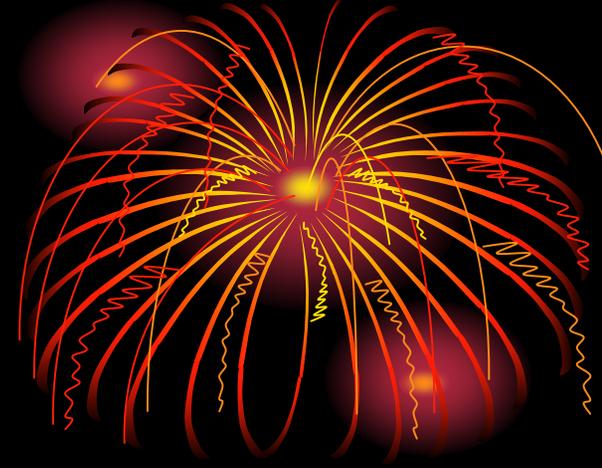
SB94
10-17 yrs

Wraparound Coalition

Internal

Service Integration
4-12 yrs

Legislative Advocacy &
Public Policy

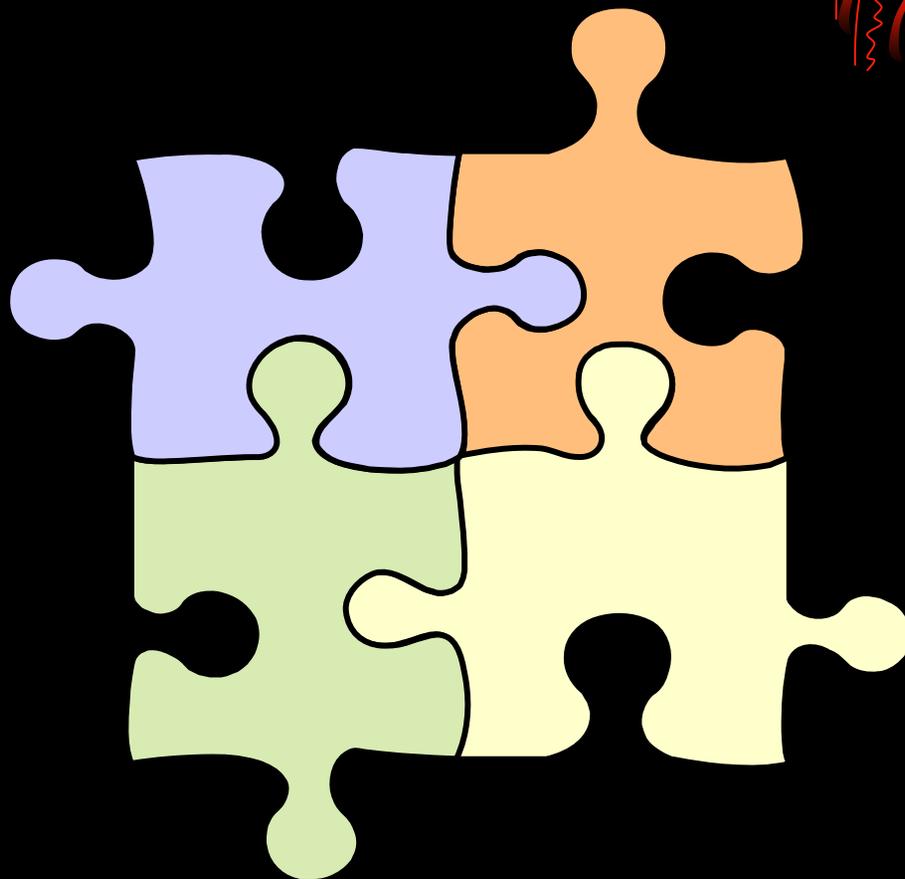


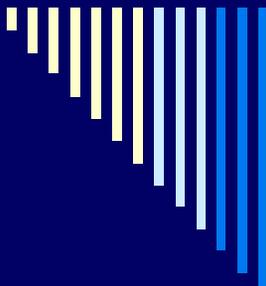
Successes

Challenges

Lessons Learned

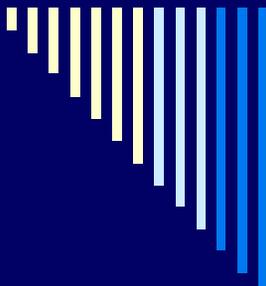
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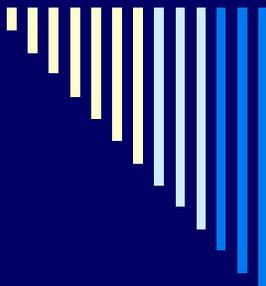
Overview of Collaborative Efforts

- Service Integration Focus of El Paso County brings diverse groups of stakeholders to collaborative efforts.
 - Examples: DVERT, CPA Project, Family to Family, SB 94, HB 1451, Greenbook, CO WORKS, Alliance for Kids, Women Helping Women, Quilts, Faith Partners.
 - Usually starts as an initiative that grows.
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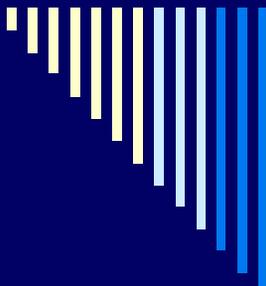
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- Leverage or intersecting points of interest such as youth or TANF as primary prevention strategy for child welfare.
 - Desire for better outcomes for children, families and adults being served in our programs.
 - Collaboration as a step on the continuum to service integration.
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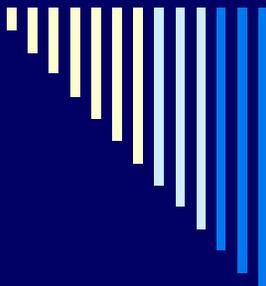
What Motivates Groups to Join?

- Multi-system service consumers – more coordination – better outcomes.
 - More comprehensive approach to service delivery – shared resources.
 - Desire to change practice.
 - Desire to contribute and be involved in the community – non-traditional partners.
 - Cost-effectiveness.
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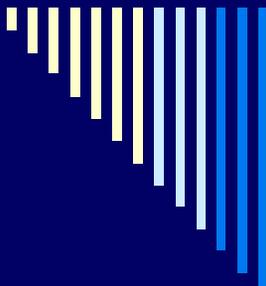
Priorities Addressed

- Better outcomes for Youth served in multiple systems.
 - Family engagement.
 - Prevention of need for Intensive Child Welfare Services.
 - Culturally relevant and competent services
 - Self-sufficiency.
 - Prevention, prevention, prevention!
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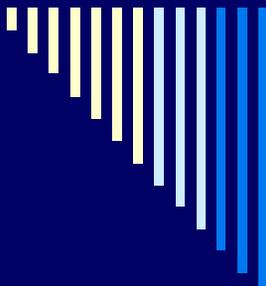
Successes of Community Partnerships

- Joint Initiatives has adopted Services Integration as a key focus area – brings many key community leaders into process.
 - Turn initiatives into foundation of practice.
 - Focus on Prevention and Early Intervention.
 - Market a positive image in the community.
 - Pro-active approach to community involvement.
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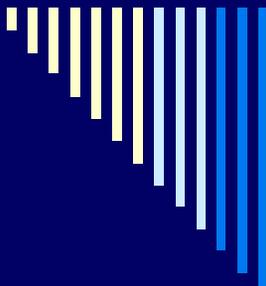
Successes of Community Involvement

- TANF Caseloads going down.
 - Fewer children going into foster care.
 - Fewer youth in residential placements.
 - Economic assistance for DV victims.
 - More family engagement and involvement.
 - Early identification of child development and educational needs.
 - Helps manage budgets.
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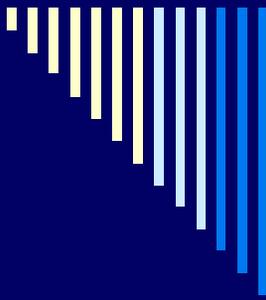
Challenges in Forming New Partnerships

- Expanding our view of how big the world is that we can look to for partnerships.
 - Finding the common ground, interest and desired outcomes.
 - Utilizing existing partnerships to expand focus to use people's time wisely.
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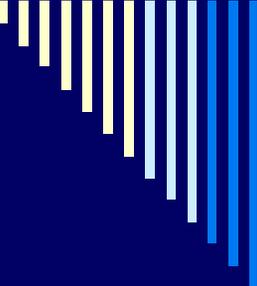
Leadership Challenges

- If you believe it, you will see it (and see how it can be done) versus “I need to see it first, before I will believe it.”
 - Embracing the role of families and community partners.
 - Finding a relevant role for all that wish to be collaborative partners.
 - Finding common ground outcomes.
 - Focus on the Future.
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Lessons Learned

- Operate from a vision of where you want to get to.
 - Consolidate efforts for efficient use of time and resources.
 - Focus on key and measurable outcomes.
 - Set standards higher than what you currently operate under.
 - Celebrate everyone's contribution.
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