

Strategic Development Council

The Strategic Development Council represents a cross-section of leadership and practitioners working with children and families in crisis. Members include representatives from the S.C. Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, S.C. Department of Social Services, Behavioral Health Services Association of South Carolina Inc., S.C. Court of Appeals, Children's Foster Care Review Board, Association of Children's Homes and Family Services, Carolina Youth Development Center, The Children's Law Center, The Children's Trust, The Duke Endowment, First Baptist Church Simpsonville, The Joint Citizens and Legislative Committee on Children, and Miracle Hill Ministries. Council members have unique perspectives and experience and are charged with creating and implementing innovative strategies to improve outcomes for children and their families through evidence-based practices that reflect shared values and responsibility.

Draft Vision:

To support a path to stable resiliency for children and families through healthy, loving connections to people, community, and a positive life view.

Goal:

To develop and implement three family care programs – focused on front-end services, expedited family permanency, and post-permanency family stability – that will increase child well-being through increased parental capacity and individual resiliency by January 2013.

The Family Care Center:

The Family Care Center is a place for family recovery. It would be equipped to address the treatment needs of the parent and the developmental, behavioral, and emotional needs of the child. Services would assist the family in learning to function as a stable unit through interactive parenting, education and life-skills training, and support.

Center Components:

- Family Finding
- Recovery-Oriented System of Care
- Protective Factors Survey
- Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Parent-Child Interactive Therapy
- Recovery Coaches
- GED Education and Training
- Adoption Services
- Motivational Interviewing
- Resource Families
- Family Group Conferencing
- Safe Housing Placement and Job Placement
- Life Skills Training
- "Cross-Trained Case Workers and Certified Addictions Counselors"

Outcomes:

- Decrease the number of children placed in foster homes or out-of-home placements.
- Decrease the amount of time that children spend in foster care.
- Decrease the number of children who re-enter foster care.
- Increase the number of adoptions.
- Increase the number of children attaining developmental milestones.
- Increase parental skills beyond "absence of harm" to that of child well-being and resiliency.
- Increase family and community engagement.