

Current Happenings with In Home TN in Mid-Cumberland

Current Areas of Focus:

The **Intensive Family Preservation workgroup** began meeting in early 2014 and has partnered with the Austin Peay State University Social Work Club to develop a manual of services for both staff and families. The group is also in the process of partnering with the Early Connections Network. A grant is being used to place tele-health carts in DCS offices. The Department is hoping to partner with other agencies to offer medical and mental health services when children and families are not placed closely together. The region also hopes to use these carts for teleconferencing to provide children in custody extra visitation with their parents.

The region will also hold several “Meet & Greet” events across the regions soon. These meetings will help DCS and partner workers become more acquainted with the services available to families in the Mid-Cumberland region.

The **Outpatient Substance Abuse Services workgroup** also began meeting in early 2014 and identified goals of developing a sustainable and easily-accessible resource list of substance abuse services in the area. Additionally, the group has been revamping a referral form for DCS to use with providers to create more accurate and overall improved communication regarding services. Since its initiation and through the work of this group, new outpatient services have been created in the Lebanon area. Future goals include creating and delivering specified Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) training for DCS and community partners.

For more information about any of these workgroups, please contact the Regional Project Lead, Lisa Brookover at Lisa.Brookover@tn.gov or Beth Mitchell at Angela.Mitchell@tn.gov.

Get involved!

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