

# Geauga County Family and Children First Council Shared Plan Update for SFYs 17-19

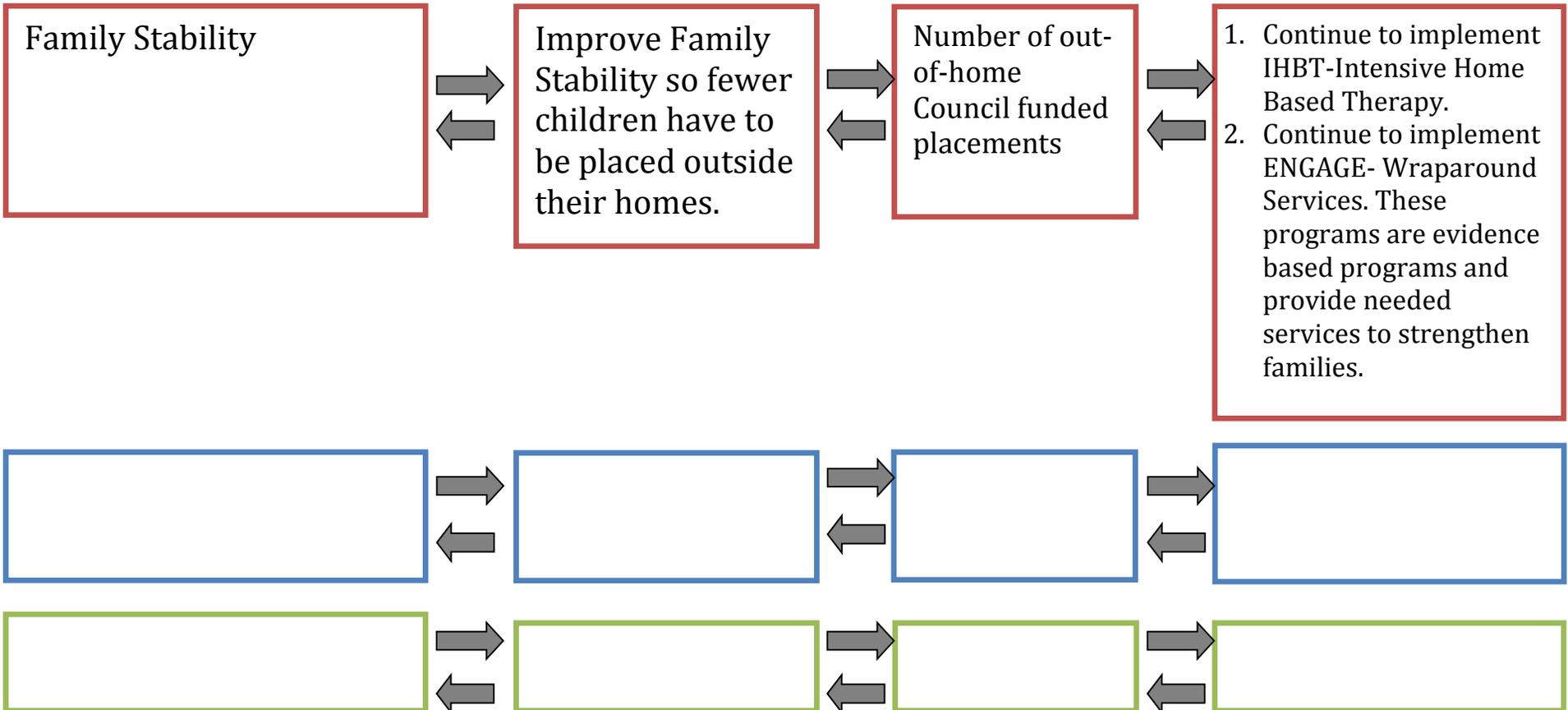
**Current FCFC Initiatives:**  
 Help Me Grow, System of Care (ENGAGE), Service Coordination (which includes the Family Stability Program, Out-of-Home Placements), Geauga Youth Center, BRIDGES (youth partial-hospitalization)

**Shared  
Priorities**

**Shared  
Outcomes**

**Shared  
Measurement**

**Mutually Reinforcing  
Activities**



**Were there any modifications from last year's plan? Yes            No X**

**If yes, please identify the types of changes made by checking the appropriate boxes below:**

Priorities

Outcomes

Indicators

Strategies

1. Identify any barriers in implementing the plan (i.e. data collection, data tracking, funding, infrastructure, etc.)  
We've not run into unforeseen barriers in implementing our plan. Getting ENGAGE fully implemented in our county took a little while. We needed to make folks aware of the program and what it offers plus recruiting and training facilitators took longer than expected. Then unfortunately 3 of the trained facilitators left their agencies and we had to wait a significant period until the next state training was offered. But we do believe ENGAGE has helped reduce our placement numbers. IHBT is working well here – we also believe it is making a difference.
2. Identify any successes/how implementing this plan has worked to strengthen the council and county collaboration.  
The creation of ENGAGE in particular was a very collaborative process and we believe there is now significant buy-in from Council members. Our facilitators come from 3 different mental health agencies and JFS. Reducing the number of Council-funded placements remains a top priority of our Council as well as of our Council's 3 Inter-Disciplinary Teams which serve as the entry point for cases referred for Council services.

The number of placements is actually down significantly which we don't believe is entirely due to the services we have in place. The majority of the youth whose placements we've funded have unfortunately had to remain in placement for extended periods of time thus reducing the number of youth we could serve. As a result we've had to maintain a case-funding waiting list which still averages at least 5 youth per month.

**Report on Indicator Data** (Provide data for each outcome indicator listed on the Shared Plan. List only ONE outcome per page. This page can be duplicated as needed).

Shared Outcome: **Improve Family Stability so that children do not have to be placed outside their home.**

Shared Measurement Indicator(s):	Baseline Data	Current Year Data	Direction of Change (+, -, NC)
Number of Out-of-Home Placements Council funds	Data: 16 Year of Data: FY16	Data: 11 Year of Data: FY17	+
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3. List the data source(s) for the indicator(s):  
Placement and funding records of Geauga Family First Council

4. Identify any key findings (explanation of data findings; FCFC actions taken in response to key findings, etc.):  
See # 2 and #3 above