Prevent Child Abuse Illinois
Prevention Resource Development Project

FY2007 Prevention Resource Developer Self-Assessment Tool

In collaboration with DCFS and communities across the state,
the PRD Project provides the services listed below.

I. Community Resource Development	Always Occurs	Regularly Occurs	Occurs Occasionally	Does not Occur	N/A	Comments / Special Circumstances
1. The PRD encourages community Partnerships with DCFS.						
2. The PRD has access to up-to-date information on domestic violence, substance abuse, child welfare, mental health and other services affecting families (i.e. health departments, educational resources, and other services and resources) in the community. Information includes:						
a) services provided						
b) hours of operation						
c) location						
d) eligibility requirements						
e) fees						
f) availability of multi-lingual and / or multi-cultural staff						
g) time frame parameters						
h) consent requirements						
3. The PRD assists local service providers and networks in accessing up-to-date and comprehensive resource information.						
4. The PRD works with local, public and private service providers and networks to develop and streamline effective referral processes so that families get connected to needed resources in a timely manner.						

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5. The PRD works with local agencies and networks to recognize, address and work to resolve competing/conflicting demands placed on families.						
6. The PRD assists service providers and networks in assessing resource needs / gaps in services and in designing plans to address them						
7. The PRD works with local networks to enhance their membership so that it is:						
a) representative of the community						
b) inclusive of the range of community resources for children and families						
8. The PRD advises local networks and agencies about new and/or related initiatives, funding opportunities and resources for families						
9. The PRD works with local networks to encourage / develop effective strategies to include family representatives (i.e. recipients or former recipients) in efforts to strengthen the community's knowledge and capacity to serve high risk families						
10. The PRD communicates identified system barriers to appropriate regional/state administrators on an ongoing basis						
11. The PRD works with local service providers and networks to encourage the development of services and supports in the community where families live.						
12. The PRD works to assist coordination of local services by:						
a) bringing agencies together to begin and/or strengthen coordination process						
b) mediated and/or resolving conflicts between service providers						

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2. Cross-Training and Technical Assistance For Service Providers and Networks	Always Occurs	Regularly Occurs	Occurs Occasionally	Does not Occur	N/A	Comments / Special Circumstances
1. The PRD provides / facilitates training for local networks and providers on a variety of topics such as:						
a) treatment philosophies, principles, language and limitations for child welfare, domestic violence, substance abuse, and other related fields.						
b) how to access community services and make effective referrals						
c) signs, symptoms and effects of abuse on children and families.						
d) meeting the needs of special and /or diverse populations						
e) engaging hard to reach families						
f) creating neighborhood networks of support						
g) other						
2. The PRD provides information for local networks and providers on topics including, but not limited to:						
a) child abuse and neglect mandated reporting						
b) confidentiality						
c) orders of protection						
d) special initiatives						
e) other …..						

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3. The PRD provides technical assistance and / or facilitates training for local service providers and networks on best practices for preventing child abuse and/or neglect, including:						
a) strengthening parenting abilities						
b) individualizing services to address each child's specific needs, including those factors which place a child at risk of abuse / neglect						
c) individualizing services to address the family's specific needs						
d) the importance of engaging all family members, support network members, and service providers in service planning						
4. The PRD works with local service providers and networks to build skills to address problems in systems coordination that hinder families' abilities to access / utilize needed services, e.g.:						
a) resolve problems regarding individual cases						
b) explain how different systems work						
c) provide examples of how other communities and/or networks coordinate and collaborate						
d) resolve conflicts between agencies and / or systems						
e) establish mechanisms for solving problems in the future						
f) coordinate multiple service plans						
g) respond to immediate needs, i.e. providing services / supports before a crisis occurs						
f) other						

3. Public Awareness and Education (General Public)	Always Occurs	Regularly Occurs	Occurs Occasionally	Does not Occur	N/A	Comments / Special Circumstances
1. The PRD works in the community to build understanding and commitment to child abuse prevention.						
a) the public including families						
b) community-based and faith-based organizations						
c) educators, child care providers, community centers, recreation programs						
d) business leaders and civic associations						
e) social services / health agencies and providers						
f) other						
2. The PRD works with local communities to determine the most effective strategies to educate the public on child abuse / neglect prevention.						
3. The PRD works with the community to increase understanding about the role of:						
a) community-based and faith-based child welfare agencies						
b) Child and Adolescent Local Area Networks (LAN's)						
c) domestic violence programs and coalitions						
d) substance abuse treatment programs and coalitions						
e) Family Violence Coordinating Councils (FVCC)						
f) special initiatives						
g) other agencies and community networks						

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4. The PRD provides information to community leaders and organizations on signs and symptoms of abuse and neglect.						
5. The PRD facilitates / supports and / or promotes child abuse prevention activities and events at the local / regional level.						
a) helps local participants identify funding / resources for activities						
b) is seen as a necessary / key partner in prevention activities						
6. The PRD shares information with local communities about:						
a) incidents of family violence, child abuse, substance abuse, etc.						
b) the connection between substance abuse, domestic violence and child safety						
c) current efforts and community initiatives to strengthen responses to children and families in need of services						
d) ways in which community residents can improve child safety and support at risk families						
e) the availability of resources to support local child abuse prevention efforts						
f) opportunities to get involved in child abuse prevention efforts						
g) other						