

SIXTH TEAM PLANNING EXERCISE, Part One

FINDING ACTIONS TO MEET NEEDS

Basing your efforts on the needs your group prioritized for each of the two domains in the exercise in the fifth step, use bubble planning, story boarding or clock planning to brainstorm a list of as many possible ways of meeting the identified need as your group can think of. This list should be generated without thought to cost or common sense. "Outside the lines" thinking is crucial to effective brainstorming. Sometimes you have to work through 20 really dumb ideas to come up with a gem.

When an exhaustive (and exhausting) list has been generated, compare it with the strengths you identified for the child and family in the story in steps 1 and 2. Highlight the actions which appear to draw from or take the greatest advantage of the strengths. Also indicate options that seem to be most in tune with the family's culture, preferences and values.

Next, indicate whether the strategies tend to draw more from formal systems of care, or informal systems of support. (Informal might include not only natural resources like the assistance of a relative or friend, but generic community supports like the YMCA or local church.)

Then, taking all of this information into consideration, vote to prioritize the options which seem to best respond to the needs of the child and family and take most advantage of their strengths while relying as much as possible on informal supports. As you examine some of these actions, also indicate those which are designed to address system needs, such as proper accountability for past behavior, those which address broader family issues, and those which focus primarily on the needs of the child. Is there a balance among these categories?

Use the worksheet which follows to record the actions which your team would use to address the top needs in each of the two selected domains.

Action Planning Worksheet

Story Selected: _____

Domain: _____

Need: _____

Action	Linked to strength?	Form. /infor.?	Type of Need?

Domain _____

Need _____

Action	Linked to strength?	Form. /infor.?	Type of Need?

Domain _____

Need _____

Action	Linked to strength?	Form. /infor.?	Type of Need?

Domain _____

Need _____

Action	Linked to strength?	Form. /infor.?	Type of Need?