

## **DCBS Community Response Pilot Criteria**

Community response is a resource or service for a family when a report regarding a child under the age of eighteen (18) has been made to DCBS but does not meet acceptance criteria for a child maltreatment assessment.

Community response is not appropriate for families with any active DCBS case.

Community response can be selected through the resource link pathway determination in TWIST. This will generate an email referral to the community response providers in the pilot counties of Barren, Clark, Montgomery, and Perry.

### **Community Response can assist families with the following identified needs:**

- Parent Skill Building
- Appropriate Discipline
- Improving Behaviors of High-Risk Youth
- Caregiver / Child Relationship including behavior management
- Supporting Relatives / Fictive Kin (if DCBS does not have an active case)
- Poverty Adjacent Family Barriers
  - Addressing food insecurity, adequate clothing, transportation, housing instability, employment, parent education or job training needs
- Early education needs and supervision planning
  - Child care assistance
  - Education on developmentally appropriate supervision
  - Access to high quality early childhood education including public preschool or Head Start
  - Kindergarten readiness
- Home environment needs
  - Furniture or household items
  - Health and safety concerns
  - Child proofing
  - Hygiene needs
- Barriers to accessing medical, dental, and mental health treatment
- Substance use psychoeducation, developing healthy coping skills
- Barriers to school attendance or performance
- Legal needs
- Language or literacy barriers to accessing services
- Generalized concerns regarding family's access to needed services, resources, or supports

*\*\*Sexual abuse reports that do not meet criteria for a DCBS investigation due to being a non-caretaker allegation can be referred to community response on a case-by-case basis when the family is determined to be in need of assistance with one or more of the above needs. Reports of intimate partner violence and/or domestic violence between other family members that do not meet criteria for a DCBS investigation can also be referred to community response on a case-by-case basis when a need is identified.*