

Regional Prevention Collaboratives Action Plan Implementation - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

➤ **What is this initiative called?**

This initiative is officially known as the regional prevention collaboratives. Region refers to the nine Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) service regions. This is an effort to engage communities in collaborating around primary prevention of child abuse and neglect.

➤ **Is this the same as the statewide prevention collaborative? Is the statewide prevention collaborative over this?**

The statewide prevention collaborative is implementing a statewide primary and secondary prevention plan to support family and community wellbeing. While these efforts are both part of the larger Thriving Families, Safer Children Kentucky work, they are separate from one another. The statewide prevention collaborative does not oversee the regional prevention collaboratives.

➤ **Is this a DCBS initiative?**

The regional prevention collaboratives began with DCBS with the intention of both partnering with communities but also handing off proactive measures so they could ultimately be community-led and community-driven.

➤ **When did this begin?**

The regional prevention collaboratives begin in May of 2022 with Visioning Sessions.

➤ **How many collaboratives are there?**

There is a regional prevention collaborative in each of the nine DCBS service regions.

➤ **I attend too many meetings, how is this any different from the others?**

The regional prevention collaboratives serve as a way to find alignment and share communication amongst the various community strengthening efforts in each region. The hope is not to create duplicate efforts, but to streamline what already exists and build more connections throughout all the counties within a single region. There are also opportunities for regions to learn from one another.

➤ **What are we trying to accomplish?**

The goal is to shift away from crisis intervention and management and find ways to identify, reduce, and meet community needs before they escalate. The vision is to see communities that are proactive about building community protective factors and less reactive to individual risk factors.

➤ **Where is our Action Plan?**

All the plans can be found here: <https://kyyouth.org/tfscopy>.

➤ **Who is leading this work in my region?**

Most of the regions have established an overseeing entity to support communication and track the region's progress. Strategy teams have also been formed to focus specifically on one strategy and its accompanying objectives at a time. Please check your region's shared drive for a full member contact list and the last meeting notes to determine who to connect with.

➤ **What are RIAC and GMIT?**

Regional Interagency Councils (RIACs) operate as the regional locus of accountability for the system of care, providing a structure for coordination, planning, and collaboration of services and supports to children and transition-age youth with or at risk of developing behavioral health needs and other challenges, and their families. The Grant Management Implementation Team (GMIT) is an interagency team responsible for management of the System of Care Five grant, oversight of state and local implementation activities, and ongoing communication with the system of care governing bodies. Kentucky's SOC FIVE aims to improve behavioral health outcomes for children and youth (birth to age 21) who meet criteria for having a severe emotional disability (SED) and their families and who have child welfare involvement.



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➤ **What are the shared drives for?**

The shared drives are a centralized place to house community resources, share event flyers, track Action Plan progress, and share notes on current and next steps of each region's Action Plan execution.

➤ **I want to be involved but don't know what to do, how do I get connected?**

The first things to do are to make sure you are on the email list for your region and know when strategy teams and the larger regional collaborative are meeting and checking in. Know where your region's Action Plan is located and where the notes are stored. From there, decide which strategy you see yourself playing a role in. Contact the leads or overseeing entity.

➤ **If I am on a strategy team, am I expected to do all the work for the strategy I signed up for?**

Being on a strategy team does not mean you are expected to do everything. The hope is to get as much region-wide involvement as possible. You can serve on a team for several reasons. The tasks identified to ensure strategy success may be directly tied to your everyday role. You may know how to reach out to and want to make those connections. You may have ideas to contribute to brainstorming sessions on how to execute a strategy. You may be a great organizer and want to support tracking task completion and organizing notes. You may simply be interested in that strategy and want to stay up to date on its progress.

➤ **What if my team isn't able to do all the tasks in the Action Plan tracker?**

The Action Plan trackers are a support tool and working documents. At any point in time, they can be reevaluated and edited to meet the team's needs. They are not mandatory to-do lists.

➤ **How can I get examples of what other regions are doing that is working for them?**

We have large cross-regional gatherings quarterly for learning, increased collaboration, and troubleshooting. You may also reach out to other regional leads or check out their Action Plans online.

➤ **We have a lot going on right now with the end of the fiscal year, can we come back to this in July?**

The timelines in the Action Plans are estimates. The actual time to complete tasks within strategies and objectives may be shorter or longer than anticipated. Delays are expected.

➤ **Our strategies are related to the school year, what is expected of us now?**

If there is a plan to implement a strategy during the school year, then you are all set for now.

➤ **I feel like our region is behind, are we not on track?**

No two regions are the same. All of the regions have an Action Plan, and we will continue to keep the work moving forward and troubleshooting any barriers to progress.

➤ **I'm having trouble getting my strategy teams members scheduled to meet, what should I do?**

Try reaching out again. If you need support troubleshooting any difficulties or managing communication, you can always reach out to Kentucky Youth Advocates (KYA) for assistance.

➤ **Is there any funding or compensation for involvement with these regional collaboratives?**

The Action Plan documents themselves are a way to support any funding needs for implementing the strategies. The Plans can be presented to businesses, local funders, and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) for sponsorships. In some cases, there may be state funding available for contracts to complete prevention-related work. Otherwise, many regional prevention collaborative meeting attendees are participating during their paid staff time. As this initiative is under the larger Thriving Families, Safer Children movement, an important aspect for creating meaningful change is to engage and equitably empower those directly impacted and with lived experience. For any persons involved in their region's community strengthening efforts who are not tied to a paid role, please reach out about compensation for involvement.

➤ **What can I do with the Action Plan?**

There are still many community-based partners, service providers, and community members who don't know about their region's Action Plan. Please share this information as widely as possible. If you need support with presenting the Action Plan to any groups, reach out to KYA for assistance.