

Crossover Youth Practice Model

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In 2011 Lucas County Children Services and the Juvenile Court partnered together to implement Georgetown's Crossover Practice Model. The process is a collaborative effort to address the special circumstances and needs of those youth that are involved dually with Lucas County Juvenile Court and Lucas County Children's Services. It includes the incorporation of formalized procedures to increase communication between agencies, working together to identify available resources, the application of strength based treatment and most importantly including the youth's voice and input in the process and decision making.

Desired outcomes of the Crossover Youth Practice model include:

- Reduction in the number of out-of-home placements
- Reduction in the disproportionate representation of minority children
- Reduction in the number of youth being dually adjudicated
- Reduction in placement changes
- Improvement in intra-agency communication and information sharing
- An increase in youth and family participation
- An increase in access to resources
- An increase in joint case management
- An increase in Youth and Parent satisfaction with the Court Process
- An increase in staff satisfaction regarding the Practice Model

The Lucas County Crossover Youth Practice model includes the following:

- An early identification (computerized) of youth who are between the ages of 10-17 years old that are dually involved with Lucas County Juvenile Court and Lucas County Children Services,

- Crossover Youth Conferences for joint case planning purposes
- Joint visits in the home or community with the youth, family and other service providers involved
- Joint participation and recommendations to the Court
- Identification of appropriate services or programs
- Coordinator from both Lucas County Juvenile Court and Lucas County Children Services to ensure timely communication, facilitate continuity of care and problem solving.
- The key to successful Crossover Youth Practice Model is communication. Both agencies have done a great job in communicating with one another in regards to court hearings, case information and treatment planning. The Teams have worked together to ensure that the Youth's voice is being heard to garner the best possible outcome of the case.

2018 Highlights

- 78 referrals were made to the Crossover Youth Process including Unofficial cases
- 47 Lucas County Children Service's Caseworkers and Supervisors have been involved with the Crossover Process as well as 24 Lucas County Juvenile Court Employees and Supervisors
- A presentation was given to upcoming Foster Parents regarding the Crossover Process and the Juvenile Court
- Approximately 73 scheduled Crossover Youth Conferences, Team Meetings, Home Visits, Placement Visits and Court Hearings were attended
- Crossover Youth have been referred to the Youth Advocate Program, Functional Family Therapy (A Renewed Mind), Multi-Systemic Therapy (Zepf), Glass Blowing, Community Service Opportunities and the Toledo Bikes Co-Op
- The Crossover Youth model was implemented in the Assessment Center to capture dually involved youth at the beginning of the court process