

# Butte County Collaborative Prevention Plan

## COLLABORATIVE AGENCIES

Youth for Change/Paradise Ridge Family Resource Center & Catalyst Domestic Violence Services

## County Philosophy for Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect

### Prevention:

Prevention efforts will acknowledge that child abuse, neglect, and domestic violence are public health issues.

Education about strengthening families is accessible and affordable.

### Intervention:

Intervention efforts will be delivered in safe environments that are family-centered and family-directed, will use empowerment philosophies, and community services will work together to strengthen families.

### Community:

The overall goal of the Butte County Family Development Matrix Project is to raise community awareness and sensitivity to address the public health issues of child abuse, neglect, domestic violence and other co-occurring challenges of substance abuse, mental illness, and homelessness.

## Overcoming Obstacles and Meeting Challenges

### Goals

- Intervening in the cycle of violence by providing safe options for housing and supportive services
- Reduce occurrences and/or exposure to domestic violence, child abuse, and neglect

### Obstacles

- Catalyst Project Director in the midst of new construction of facility that has or will contribute to time challenges.
- Ensuring consistency in use of the Family Development Matrix

### Strategies to Overcome Obstacles

- Train existing volunteers to provide more direct services to families
- Development of Policy and Procedure:
  - Integrate FDM into Intake and Exit Procedures
  - Include in Bi-Monthly Shelter Staff Meetings



## County Team Objectives

1. How to work together collaboratively
2. Identifying any core indicators outside the Pathway indicators that will be common between Youth for Change and Catalyst Domestic Violence Services.
3. Preparing staff for use of Family Development Matrix Tool, Pathway Model.
4. Establish coding system for Catalyst Domestic Violence Services that represents demographic and funding requirements.
5. Implement and integrate Pathway Model into current practices of Catalyst Domestic Violence Services and Youth for Change.

A c t i o n P l a n

| <u>Action</u>  | <u>Who</u>   | <u>When</u> |
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| Meet with Catalyst Domestic Violence Services to identify and develop coding system and Policy and Procedure for Family Development Matrix Use.    | Molly<br>Marina<br>Brian                                   | TBA         |
| Identify core indicators outside pathway indicators that will be shared outcomes between Catalyst Domestic Violence Services and Youth for Change. | Molly<br>Marina<br>Brian<br>Melody<br>Family Support Staff | 6/30/09     |
| Provide additional training and support to Catalyst Domestic Violence Services staff in navigating website   | Brian  | Ongoing     |
| Train Catalyst Domestic Violence Services staff in the use of the Family Development Matrix Tool with the assistance of ICCS.                      | Brian<br>Jerry Endres<br>Judi Sherman                      | 9/01/09     |
| Identify optional agency specific indicators   | Molly<br>Marina<br>Brian                                   | 6/15/09     |
| Catalyst Domestic Violence Services institutionalize Family Development Matrix, Pathway Model practices into existing systems.                     | Molly<br>Marina  | 9/01/09     |