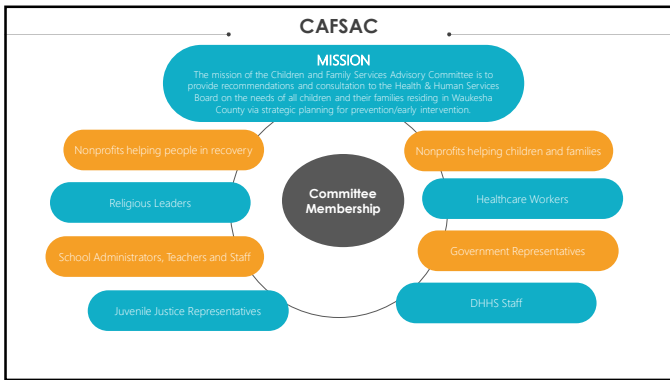


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Flexible Funding
Creating opportunities and provide financial support for agencies to expand, continue or implement programming that meets the qualification standards.

FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT

- Allows States to use Title IV-E fund for prevention services
- Goal is to keep children safely at home and out of foster care
- Maximum of 12 months of services
- Services can include in-home parent, skill-based programs, such as parenting skills training, parent education and individual and family counseling
- Program must be evidence-based curriculum and have components of trauma informed care

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Work Force Challenges

Shortage of qualified people and significant problems during the interview process

Need to recruit outside of Waukesha County because of expensive living or lack of housing in Waukesha

Not enough transportation options for workers to get to work

Working on solutions...

Looking at creative ways to have a job fair just for non-profits

Utilizing a collective training model to

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Mental Health Issues

Child and Family

1,033,795,605 SMHA/2021

136.83 community MH/2021

Waitlists for County services

Not enough community providers for children and adults

Very little culturally specific, LGBTQ+, trauma specific, male providers – any marginalized groups having difficulty finding providers that meet their needs – need culturally competent care

Higher number of mental illness indicators correlate with more complex child protective cases - 55% of cases involving mental health issues

1 in 7 students (15%) have seriously considered suicides (Waukesha Co YRBS- 2021 high school)

2 out of 3 female students reported problems with anxiety (Waukesha Co YRBS- 2021 high school)

62% of LGBT students reported problems with depression

Mental Health Providers 390:11 Waukesha County (County Health Rankings & Roadmaps 2022)

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Substance Abuse Issues

Child and Family

CHIPP priority

Children are struggling with substance use issues

23% of students currently use alcohol (Waukesha Co YRBS- 2021 high school)

25% report they have tried vaping

17% have tried marijuana

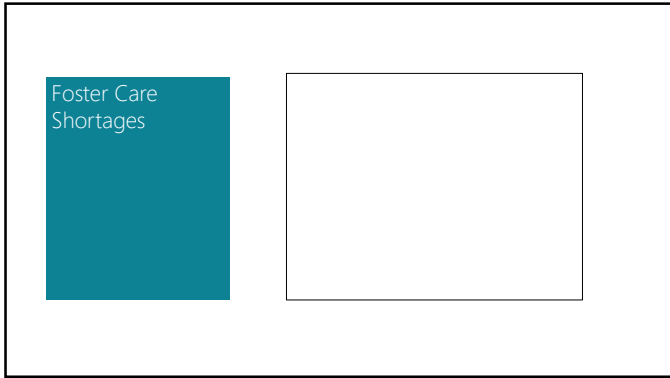
Caregivers are also struggling with substance abuse issues

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63% of cases reporting substances abuse issues

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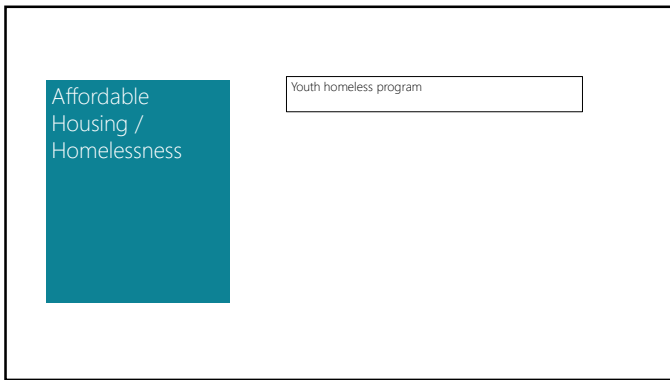
Foster Care Shortages



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Affordable Housing / Homelessness

Youth homeless program



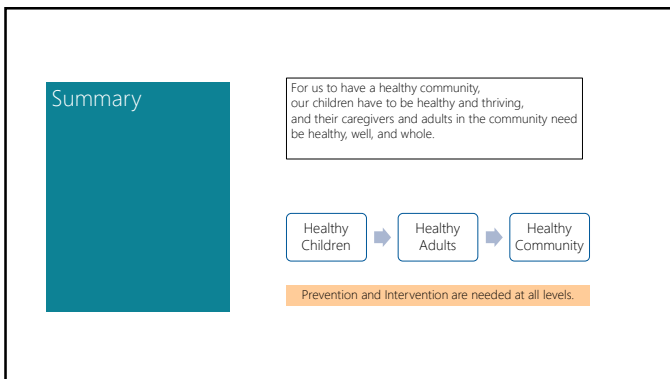
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Summary

For us to have a healthy community, our children have to be healthy and thriving, and their caregivers and adults in the community need be healthy, well, and whole.

Healthy Children → Healthy Adults → Healthy Community

Prevention and Intervention are needed at all levels.



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