



Coordinated Action Pilot Program Doña Ana County

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The purpose of the Coordinated Action Pilots

- Collaboration between the State, local behavioral health providers, and the local child-welfare community to look at current practices, identify strengths and challenges to implementing an integrated system of care that meets the individualized needs of children and their families involved with protective services.
- The purpose is to implement all REASONABLE and creative solutions.
- The pilot team will provide concrete, community-specific recommendations on how to address identified challenges and barriers realistically and effectively to ensure successful implementation of a culturally supportive trauma-responsive, and identity-affirming system of care for children/youth in custody.
- This included recommendations on how to fill in any existing service gaps and behavioral and mental health services.

Proposed Recommendations

- ❖ Any proposed recommendation shall be reasonable and final decisions around implementing recommendations regarding CYFD's policy, procedures, practices, and procurement is the SOLE responsibility and authority of the ***CYFD CABINET SECRETARY AND DIRECTOR OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND THE HSD CABINET SECRETARY***.
- ❖ Should a recommendation be deemed unreasonable or impossible, the ***STATE will provide*** feedback to the facilitator for discussion at future meetings to identify ways to problem solve around such barriers where and when appropriate.
- ❖ ***The STATE will make efforts*** to implement the reasonable recommendations through various means (***such as: financial or technical assistance***) to others such as non-profits or providers if direct implementation by the State is not possible.

CYFD Vision, Ask of Pilot Program, Pilot Recommendation, and CYFD Response

CYFD Vision	Ask of Pilot Program	Pilot Program Recommendation	Response from CYFD
Least Restrictive and most appropriate placements	Keeping children and youth safe in family-based settings in their LOCAL community	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase # of Foster Homes 2. Foster Parent Support/ Training 3. Child Crisis Center 	Finding placement on a Friday at 5:00 pm is difficult and any suggestions are welcome
A highly-skilled and supported workforce	Building and maintaining a strong workforce that meets the needs of children and youth	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No Hiring Freeze 2. Ensure front-line staff support and retention 3. Certified Social Workers 	<p>CYFD will train staff with appropriate trauma-responsive capability</p> <p>CYDF does not have the funding to secure appropriate staff</p>
An accessible, trauma-responsive system of care	Building, strengthening, and/or expanding access to timely and appropriate trauma-responsive behavioral and medical health services in Doña Ana County	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommend High Fidelity Wraparound Services 2. Access all local resources of mental and behavioral health 	Limited Mental and behavioral health care in Doña Ana County, that's out of CYFD's control

WHERE ARE WE NOW

- ❑ Not one recommendation by the Pilot Program was implemented in Doña Ana County, not one recommendation that was deemed unreasonable or impossible to be brought to the State to provide feedback to the facilitator for discussion at one of the future meetings held to identify ways to problem solve around barriers.
- ❑ At the final meeting in May 2024, Children's Court District Judge Grace B. Duran informed the Pilot Team and the CYFD that in 2024 there are fewer abuse and neglect cases filed compared to previous years. She asked, what has happened?
- ❑ State legislators were present at the final meeting and promised to work with Pilot Team to help fix this system. We thank the Legislative Health and Human Services committee present today for their time and dedication to hearing our concerns with our Child Welfare System.
- ❑ We have a duty to protect the rights of our children and youth in CYFD custody to ensure they receive adequate care and preserve their individual rights as parties to their legal case. Action is needed now by our legislature.