



Summit County Social Services Advisory Board

SUMMIT 2010: A Quality of Life Project

Summit 2010 is a comprehensive health and social service planning initiative that will materially improve the living conditions of residents in Summit County. The project will complete detailed plans to effect improvement in specific quality of life measures (health and social indicators) by June 30, 2004. It is being conducted under the oversight of the Summit County Social Services Advisory Board (SSAB), which is broadly charged with "coordination of programs and services based on legislative mandates, mission statements, functions, populations served, community needs, gaps in services, avoidance or elimination of duplication of services, utilization of private sector providers, fiscal considerations and sound business practices, and ongoing evaluation and assessment of health and human services needs in the community."

Initiated by Summit County Executive James B. McCarthy, the overall intent of Summit 2010 is to strengthen collaboration between the following major public systems, and the effectiveness of services they finance or deliver.

- Department of Job & Family Services
- Children's Services Board
- Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board
- Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
- Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority
- Akron Metropolitan Transit Authority
- Summit County Juvenile Court
- Summit County Board of Health
- Area Agency on Aging

The project's comprehensive health and social service plan will be based upon a detailed Environmental Scan developed for the SSAB by a consulting team led by the Center for Community Solutions. Supplemental workforce development, delinquency prevention, and three neighborhood-based plans will complement the comprehensive plan. Implementation of these plans will be the shared responsibility of the agencies noted above (detailed roles and responsibilities will be developed), with monitoring and oversight by the SSAB.

Ten Goals were developed in response to extensive key informant and citizen interviews conducted by project consultants, and were established to impact twenty-five Priority Indicators. These Goals and Priority Indicators are being used to guide the comprehensive planning process. The SSAB has the objective of achieving the goals by the year 2010.

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Ten Goals to be Accomplished by 2010

Health Goals

- Establish a Primary Medical Services Collaborative to expand primary care and reduce health disparities. This collaborative will include the three health departments in the county and the major hospital systems.
- Establish a comprehensive prevention and early intervention program for expecting parents and preschool children, in collaboration with the county's Family and Children First Council (FCFC). This program will focus on indicators related to first trimester prenatal care, teen pregnancy rate and childhood immunizations.
- Establish a retrospective immunization review to be conducted every three years that will assess percentages of children receiving their immunizations as required.

Human Services Goals

- Create a system to increase coordination and communication between courts and public social services systems.
- Establish a Summit County Center for Families and Children to research, educate and advocate on behalf of children and families.
- Establish a Partnership for Success coordinating body to deal with juvenile offenders before they become part of the court system. Concentrate on delinquency and violence.
- Secure additional supports for semi-independent older adults that will help them maintain their independence for a longer period of time, and increase the numbers of seniors who are able to be independent.

Financial and Data Management Goals

- Establish a Health and Human Services Finance Initiative. This initiative will share information about the financing of human services in the county, and look for ways to develop collaborative funding strategies.
- Develop a case management data system that will allow sharing and updating of client information among agencies.
- Create a data system to track progress on goals and other key health and human service indicators.

Priority Indicators

Income, Education and Workforce Development

- Increase the proportion of people living above the official poverty line from 90.1% to 92.2% (moving 11,000 people out of poverty)
- Increase the proportion of African-Americans living above the poverty line from 72.7% to 86.0% (moving 9,500 people out of poverty)
- Reduce unemployment from its 2000 rate of 5.0% to 4.0%
- Increase the proportion of people aged 25 and over who have received a high school diploma from 85.7% to 87.5% (6,500 more high school graduates age 25 or over)
- Increase housing affordability, raising the proportion of households spending under 30% of their incomes on housing from 74.8% to 77.3% (5,000 more households in affordable housing)
- Reduce the proportion of households receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) from 3.7% to 3.0% (a net reduction of 1,500 households)

Public Safety

- Reduce the incidence of domestic violence-related crime from 2001 reported rate of 3 per 1,000 residents to 2 per 1,000
- It is recommended that the Summit County Criminal Justice Advisory Board establish a consistent, standardized, county-wide system for reporting crime, and that it establish a goal for reducing the rate of violent crime from the 2001 rate of 27 arrests per 1,000 residents to 20 per 1,000 by 2010

Early Childhood

- Increase the proportion of African-American children under age 5 or less living above the poverty line from 49.0% to 60%
- Increase the proportion of children receiving their immunizations by their second birthdays from 78% to 90%
- Reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect from 2001 reported rate of 35 per 1,000 children under 18 years of age to 25 per 1,000

Partnerships for Success

- Increase the proportion of African-American children ages 18 or less living above the poverty line from 60.7% to 80%
- Increase secondary school (middle and high school) attendance rate from 93.1% to 95.0%

>>>> Priority Indicators Continued

Priority **Indicators** *Cont'd*

- Reduce the rate of births to teens, focusing on higher rates among African-American youth, reducing the rate from 69.8 births per 1,000 to females age 15 - 17 to the Surgeon General's recommended goal of 43.0

Older Adults

- Increase the proportion of African-American older adults (age 65 +) living above the official poverty line from 84.5% to 94%
- Increase self-sufficiency of seniors living alone
- Reduce the incidence of elder abuse and neglect from 2001 reported rate of 8 per 1,000 persons age 65 or older to 6 per 1,000

Family Health

- Increase the proportion of individuals with health insurance from 88.0% to 91.5% (providing coverage to 20,000 more people than in 2003)
- Increase the proportion of pregnant women receiving first trimester prenatal care from 88 per 100 live births to 90 per 100 live births
- Reduce the rate of Years of Potential Life Lost from All Causes from 13.9 to 10.0 by 2020