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During the 2017 Regular Legislative Session, Act 88 established the Advisory Council on Heroin and Opioid Prevention and Education (HOPE). The Council's purpose is to create an Interagency Heroin and Opioid Coordination Plan, coordinate parish-level data on opioid overdoses and usage of overdose-reversal medication (Naloxone), and coordinate a central online location to disseminate information and resources, including the Interagency Heroin and Opioid Coordination Plan. Two sub-committees were formed to address this body of work: a Data Workgroup, and an Interagency Coordination Plan Workgroup.

The objective of the Interagency Coordination Plan Workgroup is to coordinate and organize existing initiatives and resources to assist in developing a statewide coordination plan. We are asking for your participation in this survey so we may gather information on heroin and opioid initiatives taking place within your organization **since July 1, 2016 (State Fiscal Year 2017)** and the impacts of these initiatives. We request a response to this survey by **close-of-business on April 5th, 2018**. Please send completed survey responses to Brad Wellons with the Office of Behavioral Health at brad.wellons@la.gov

Feel free to share this survey with other agencies, organizations or departments, as well. Thank you for your time, and we look forward to your response.

Organization Information

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Agency/Organization Mission

1. What is your agency's (or organization's) mission?

Mission: DCFS is working to keep children safe, helping individuals and families become self-sufficient, and providing safe refuge during disasters.

Values: Treating all people with dignity, compassion and respect while, providing services with integrity.

2. How does addressing the opioid crisis impact your mission?

The Opioid crisis impacts the ability to keep children safe. Within Child Welfare, there are direct and indirect consequences to children as a result of the Opioid epidemic.

The direct consequences to a child is through prenatal exposure to both legal and illegally prescribed, or unlawfully used, substances. DCFS investigates and assesses all newborns who meet the criteria for prenatal neglect, and by federal legislation, are required to develop a Plan of Safe Care for these newborns and families. In addition, Physicians' are legally required to notify DCFS of newborns affected by legally prescribed, lawfully used substances and develop a Plan of Care for these newborns.

The indirect impact to children and families is seen when the Opioid use/abuse affects the caregivers functioning, to the extent that the child is abused and/or neglected.

Current Initiatives:

3. Identify your agency's (or organization's) initiatives that address the opioid crisis since **July 1, 2016** **(State Fiscal Year 2017)**

Initiative #1

A. Describe initiative:

Prior to October 1, 2017, the Louisiana Children's Code required the reporting of "prenatal neglect" to DCFS for investigation. The definition of Prenatal Neglect meant "exposure to chronic or severe use of alcohol or the unlawful use of any controlled dangerous substance, as defined by R.S. 40:961 et seq., or in a manner not lawfully prescribed, which results in symptoms of withdrawal in the newborn or the presence of a controlled substance or a metabolic thereof in his body, blood, urine, or meconium that is not the result of medical treatment, or observable and harmful effects in his physical appearance or functioning".

As a result of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, specifically addressing the Opioid epidemic, additional requirements were placed on each state to address the needs of newborns affected by legal substances. As a result, state legislation, that became effective on October 1, 2017, added requirements in the Revised Statutes for a Physician to notify DCFS of newborns who exhibit withdrawal symptoms to prescribed substances that are used in a lawfully prescribed manner. This notification meets the federal requirement for the development of a Plan of Safe Care for the child and family. These notifications do not constitute a report of abuse and/or neglect.

Through the investigation of prenatal neglect, DCFS is required to assess the safety of the newborn, conduct a thorough assessment, and develop a Plan of Care to include a referral for the newborn to Early Steps and a referral for the mother to undergo a substance abuse assessment. Based on the results of these assessment, additional services are provided through either the Family Services preventative program, or through foster care.

In addition, in October of 2017, DCFS implemented quarterly regional and state level stakeholder meetings to monitor the service needs of newborns affected by substances.

B. Initiative can be categorized as: (check all that apply)

- Prevention – type of Prevention initiative: Education Awareness Outreach
- Treatment
- Other

C. Current status of this initiative:

1. Start Date: 2006
2. In Progress: Yes No
3. End Date: N/A

D. Identify the program indicators used to measure the contributions necessary to enable the initiative to be implemented. Indicators may include process and impact. To better understand an indicator, please refer to this link: <https://www.cdc.gov/eval/indicators/index.htm>

- Program Indicator 1: Measurement of the Valid Child Protective Services investigations involving the allegation of "Drug Affected Newborn", and of those, how many were identified as being affected by an Opioid.
- Program Indicator 2: Measurement of the number of Physician Notification Forms received notifying DCFS of newborns
- Program Indicator 3: Measurement of the repeat maltreatment numbers in newborns validated for Drug Affected Newborn.
- Program Indicator 4: Click or tap here to enter text.

E. Target Population of this initiative: (check all that apply)

1. Age: 0-17 18-21 22-45 46 and older
2. Gender: Male Female Other Data not available
3. Geographic Location(s) – Identify the geographic location(s) impacted by your initiative (please check the appropriate type and list the specific region(s) in the text box provided below) :
- Statewide Parish Regional Health Unit Judicial District
- Local Governing Entity (LGE) Region/Human Services District Other geographic region

Click or tap here to enter text.

F. Identify funding source for this initiative: (check all that apply)

- State general funds Federal grant funds Local/parish funds
- Private/foundation funds Other funds

G. Partnerships: List any other agencies or organizations that you partner with on this prevention or treatment initiative.

- Partnership 1: Office of Behavioral Health
- Partnership 2: Maternal and Child Health
- Partnership 3: Early Steps
- Partnership 4: Click or tap here to enter text.

H. Can you identify any gaps or opportunities for partnerships?

The availability of services to address the needs of mothers while still parenting their children. Expedited substance abuse assessments.

If your agency has no other initiatives, go to question 4, page 18

Initiative #2

A. Describe initiative:

Click or tap here to enter text.

B. Initiative can be categorized as: (check all that apply)

- Prevention – type of Prevention initiative: Education Awareness Outreach
- Treatment
- Other

C. Current status of this initiative:

1. Start Date: Click or tap here to enter text.
2. In Progress: Yes No
3. End Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

D. Identify the program indicators used to measure the contributions necessary to enable the initiative to be implemented. Indicators may include process and impact. To better understand an indicator, please refer to this link: <https://www.cdc.gov/eval/indicators/index.htm>

- Program Indicator 1: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Program Indicator 2: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Program Indicator 3: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Program Indicator 4: Click or tap here to enter text.

E. Target Population of this initiative: (check all that apply)

1. Age: 0-17 18-21 22-45 46 and older
2. Gender: Male Female Other Data not available
3. Geographic Location(s) – Identify the geographic location(s) impacted by your initiative (please check the appropriate type and list the specific region(s) in the text box provided below) :
- Statewide Parish Regional Health Unit Judicial District
- Local Governing Entity (LGE) Region/Human Services District Other geographic region

Click or tap here to enter text.

F. Identify funding source for this initiative: (check all that apply)

- State general funds Federal grant funds Local/parish funds
- Private/foundation funds Other funds

G. Partnerships: List any other agencies or organizations that you partner with on this prevention or treatment initiative.

- Partnership 1: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Partnership 2: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Partnership 3: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Partnership 4: Click or tap here to enter text.

H. Can you identify any gaps or opportunities for partnerships?

Click or tap here to enter text.

If your agency has no other initiatives, go to question 4, page 18

Initiative #3

A. Describe initiative:

Click or tap here to enter text.

B. Initiative can be categorized as: (check all that apply)

- Prevention – type of Prevention initiative: Education Awareness Outreach
- Treatment
- Other

C. Current status of this initiative:

1. Start Date: Click or tap here to enter text.
2. In Progress: Yes No
3. End Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

D. Identify the program indicators used to measure the contributions necessary to enable the initiative to be implemented. Indicators may include process and impact. To better understand an indicator, please refer to this link: <https://www.cdc.gov/eval/indicators/index.htm>

- Program Indicator 1: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Program Indicator 2: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Program Indicator 3: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Program Indicator 4: Click or tap here to enter text.

E. Target Population of this initiative: (check all that apply)

1. Age: 0-17 18-21 22-45 46 and older
2. Gender: Male Female Other Data not available
3. Geographic Location(s) – Identify the geographic location(s) impacted by your initiative (please check the appropriate type and list the specific region(s) in the text box provided below) :
- Statewide Parish Regional Health Unit Judicial District
- Local Governing Entity (LGE) Region/Human Services District Other geographic region

Click or tap here to enter text.

F. Identify funding source for this initiative: (check all that apply)

- State general funds Federal grant funds Local/parish funds
- Private/foundation funds Other funds

G. Partnerships: List any other agencies or organizations that you partner with on this prevention or treatment initiative.

- Partnership 1: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Partnership 2: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Partnership 3: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Partnership 4: Click or tap here to enter text.

H. Can you identify any gaps or opportunities for partnerships?

Click or tap here to enter text.

If your agency has no other initiatives, go to question 4, page 18

Initiative #4

A. Describe initiative:

Click or tap here to enter text.

B. Initiative can be categorized as: (check all that apply)

- Prevention – type of Prevention initiative: Education Awareness Outreach
- Treatment
- Other

C. Current status of this initiative:

1. Start Date: Click or tap here to enter text.
2. In Progress: Yes No
3. End Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

D. Identify the program indicators used to measure the contributions necessary to enable the initiative to be implemented. Indicators may include process and impact. To better understand an indicator, please refer to this link: <https://www.cdc.gov/eval/indicators/index.htm>

- Program Indicator 1: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Program Indicator 2: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Program Indicator 3: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Program Indicator 4: Click or tap here to enter text.

E. Target Population of this initiative: (check all that apply)

1. Age: 0-17 18-21 22-45 46 and older
2. Gender: Male Female Other Data not available
3. Geographic Location(s) – Identify the geographic location(s) impacted by your initiative (please check the appropriate type and list the specific region(s) in the text box provided below) :
- Statewide Parish Regional Health Unit Judicial District
- Local Governing Entity (LGE) Region/Human Services District Other geographic region

Click or tap here to enter text.

F. Identify funding source for this initiative: (check all that apply)

- State general funds Federal grant funds Local/parish funds
- Private/foundation funds Other funds

G. Partnerships: List any other agencies or organizations that you partner with on this prevention or treatment initiative.

- Partnership 1: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Partnership 2: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Partnership 3: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Partnership 4: Click or tap here to enter text.

H. Can you identify any gaps or opportunities for partnerships?

Click or tap here to enter text.

If your agency has no other initiatives, go to question 4, page 18

Initiative #5

A. Describe initiative:

Click or tap here to enter text.

B. Initiative can be categorized as: (check all that apply)

- Prevention – type of Prevention initiative: Education Awareness Outreach
- Treatment
- Other

C. Current status of this initiative:

1. Start Date: Click or tap here to enter text.
2. In Progress: Yes No
3. End Date: Click or tap here to enter text.

D. Identify the program indicators used to measure the contributions necessary to enable the initiative to be implemented. Indicators may include process and impact. To better understand an indicator, please refer to this link: <https://www.cdc.gov/eval/indicators/index.htm>

- Program Indicator 1: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Program Indicator 2: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Program Indicator 3: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Program Indicator 4: Click or tap here to enter text.

E. Target Population of this initiative: (check all that apply)

1. Age: 0-17 18-21 22-45 46 and older
2. Gender: Male Female Other Data not available
3. Geographic Location(s) – Identify the geographic location(s) impacted by your initiative (please check the appropriate type and list the specific region(s) in the text box provided below) :
- Statewide Parish Regional Health Unit Judicial District
- Local Governing Entity (LGE) Region/Human Services District Other geographic region

Click or tap here to enter text.

F. Identify funding source for this initiative: (check all that apply)

- State general funds Federal grant funds Local/parish funds
- Private/foundation funds Other funds

G. Partnerships: List any other agencies or organizations that you partner with on this prevention or treatment initiative.

- Partnership 1: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Partnership 2: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Partnership 3: Click or tap here to enter text.
- Partnership 4: Click or tap here to enter text.

H. Can you identify any gaps or opportunities for partnerships?

Click or tap here to enter text.

I. If your agency or organization has additional initiatives, please list them here:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Future Opportunities

4. Identify any potential opportunities to partner with other agencies or organizations to expand the scope of your initiatives:

Opportunities for DCFS clients to have access to expedited substance abuse assessments to increase compliance and improve outcomes for children.

5. What new initiatives would you undertake if funding were available?

Residential treatment for mothers that allow them to continue parenting their children.

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6. Please provide any additional information that you feel necessary to explain or help us understand any of your responses to this survey:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this survey. Your input is greatly appreciated. Please remember to save the survey document and send to brad.wellons@la.gov