



Human Services Department

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS DIVISION / Children's Services Administration

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**CHILDREN'S SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD
(IN-PERSON MEETING)**

Agenda

Friday, August 15, 2025

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Evan Goldman, Chair

1. Welcome E. Goldman
2. Roll Call J. Brunson
3. Approval of CSB June 13, 2025 Minutes..... E. Goldman
4. Chair Report E. Goldman
5. Committee Chair's Report E. Goldman
 - Needs Assessment
6. Broward Partnership for Kids CSC
7. Section Report Dr. T. Hill-Howard
8. YSO Presentation S. Ramos
9. Legislative Updates..... Intergov
10. Liaison Reports
 - BCPS V. Hudge
 - DCF..... T. Schweitzer
 - Juvenile Justice Circuit 17..... T. Bush
 - Special Needs M. Stouffer Juarez
 - System of Care..... E. Segara
11. New Business
12. Old Business
13. Public Comment (5 minutes) – Please call (754)-900-8519 – 806053168#
14. Good of the Order
15. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Friday, November 21, 2025

Location: 115 S Andrews Ave. Suite A370 Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

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Broward County Board of County Commissioners
Children's Services Board
Draft Meeting Minutes June 13, 2025
9:00 am – 11:05 A.M.

1. Call to Order

Evan Goldman called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. and welcomed all Board Members.

2. Roll Call

Evan Goldman called the roll.

A quorum was established with Evan Goldman, Cassandra Burrell, Joel Smith, Maria Juarez Stouffer, and Traci Schweitzer. Jarvis Brunson, Dr. Veda Hudge, Saran Earle-Cunningham, Cara Malave, Commissioner Alexandra Davis, Dr. Yelena Revere, Teves Bush, Cynthia Honnick, and Yolanda Nails present via TEAMS.

Members absent: Monica King, Sarah Gillespie-Cummings, Malena Mendez, Elidia Segre.

Staff Members in attendance: Mr. Keith Bostick (Deputy Director, Human Services Department), Cassandra Evans (Community Partnerships Division Assistant Director), Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard (Children's Services Administrator), Sterling Parrish (Contract Grant Administrator Sr. CSA), and Ronald Honick, Assistant County Attorney, present.

3. Motion: To approve the CSB April 15, 2025 minutes.

First:

Second: Cassandra Evans

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion:

Result: Passed

4. Chair Report - The vacancy for Commissioner Fisher has been filled by Dr. Bevlyn Sagon. 19 out of 20 members. Brenda Fam is no longer on the school board or CSB. We are waiting on a school board designee; until then, Dr. V. Hudge will fill in. A proclamation was presented for Children's Awareness Month for June. It will be annually every June that CSB will be honored for its advocacy for children in the communities. 13th of May the Executive Board met with a workshop for feedback on ways to work together in a more impactful way, to clarify expectations of staff and leadership. Went over the bylaws, and most were created before there was a children's council. Next meeting, there will be discussions about whether a subcommittee can be formed to update the bylaws.

5. Impact report- Dr. Sandra Williams and Taylar Peoples (Via TEAMS) provided an overview of the FY2024 Impact Report. The strategic plan was created in 2023. The information being given today was for the first year of implementation, which was 2024. Went over the blueprint for the strategic plan and how it focuses on the 3 populations that are funded, which are special needs, at-risk youth, and pre-school-aged children with parental support involvement. Discussed the objectives and purpose of the report, such as are the providers are meeting their

outcomes, is the target population is being reached, are any gaps in services that need to be focused on. FY 2024 highlights include 94% utilization, \$20,548,415.00 invested, and a total of 38,592 clients served. At least 84% of clients served indicated they were satisfied with the services.

6. Center for Hearing and Communication- Dr. Tracy Perez gives an overview and history of the Center for Hearing and Communication. The mission is to provide high-quality, comprehensive services to empower people affected by hearing loss, deafness, or listening challenges. Discussed the hearing loss increase of at least 74,000,000 by 2060. How to collaborate with the school board to assist with hearing screenings. Dr. Hudge suggested reaching out to coordinate student health services with the school board. The director's name is Heather Katcher, and another point of contact is Simone Hollingsworth, who is the Chief of Student Services.

7. Section Report –

- **Baker Act Alternative Youth Transportation Pilot Update-** Dr. T. Hill-Howard- As of June 12, 2025, the program has had four in the month of May. Three with Cross Creek and one with Whispering Pines. All nine schools have received a palm card with the Baker Act Pilot transportation options. Ms. Evans presented at Boyd Anderson High School at a School Resource Officer training course so that they are aware of the pilot program and what it offers. As part of the expansion, we would look at facilities that can receive those 18 and older.
- **3rd Quarter Reallocations-** Sterling Parrish- About a \$641,000 shift between contracts that are decreasing and increasing. This money is being spent to help more children and families, as well as improve utilization. The total YTD funding is \$9,911,487.00, with the expenditure being \$4,556,095.45.

Motion: To support the 3rd Quarter Funding Reallocation

First: Maria Stouffer

Second: Cassandra Burrell

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None.

Result: Passed

- **YTD Utilization and Outcomes-** The total YTD funding is \$9,911,487.00, with the expenditure being \$4,556,095.45. May invoices are now in process. The presentation shows each provider and service category with their YTD utilization with quarter 3 reallocations.

Motion: To extend the meeting by 10 minutes to 10:59 a.m. by Traci S.

First: Cassandra Evans

Second: Evan Goldman

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

8. Liaison Reports

BCPS: Dr. Veda Hudge (BCPS)- School year has ended, scores have started to come in and are being reviewed preliminarily before the state in hopes the district remains an "A". It is the goal of the school board to eliminate all "C" schools within the district, so that has become our main focus. The Principals and Assistant Principals have gone through 2 days of training in preparation for the Summer Soars.

DCF: Traci Schweitzer- Deferring to next meeting when there is more time and more people present.

Juvenile Justice Circuit 17: Teves Bush- Deferring to next meeting for information sharing on domestic violence.

Special Needs: Jessica Rincon (CSC)- Deferring to the next meeting with information on Special Needs Advisory Coalition. They will be having a kickoff on June 20th. We are reconstructing the committee to focus on key issues such as drowning prevention

services for children with mild delays who don't qualify for services. Including a focus on parent education around hearing loss after Dr. Tracy Perez's presentation.
System of Care: None.

9. New Business: Baker Act transportation Pilot was championed by Representative Barnum and Senator Osgood for a legislative budget request of \$300,000.00, which, after the latest updates, is still supported and up for approval.

10. Old Business: None

11. Public Comment: None

12. Good of the Order: None

13. Adjournment: 11:05 a.m.

Motion: To adjourn the CSB meeting at 11:05 A.M.

First:

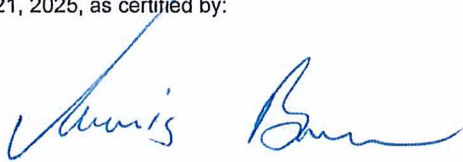
Second:

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

These minutes were approved at the Children's Services Board Meeting dated February 21, 2025, as certified by:



Jarvis Brunson
Children's Services Board Secretary



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Broward County Board of County Commissioners
Children's Services Board
Draft Meeting Minutes July 8, 2025
9:00 am – 9:27 A.M.

1. Call to Order

Evan Goldman called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. and welcomed all Board Members.

2. Roll Call

Evan Goldman called the roll.

A quorum was established with Evan Goldman and Dr. Bevlyn Sagon. Monica King, Cassandra Burrell, Teves Bush, Cara Malave, Commissioner Alexandra Davis, Maria Juarez Stouffer, Dr. Yelena Revere, Traci Schweitzer, Cynthis Honnick, Elida Segrera, Joel Smith, Saran Earle-Cunningham, Jarvis Brunson present via Teams.

Members absent: Dr. Veda Hudge, Malena Mendez, and Yolanda Nails.

Staff Members in attendance: Cassandra Evans (Community Partnerships Division Assistant Director), Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard (Children's Services Administrator), Sterling Parrish (Contract Grant Administrator Sr. CSA),

3. Chair Report – Chairman Evan Goldman waived his report for the new appointee, Dr. Bevlyn Sagon's self-introduction.

4. Section Report –

- **Third Quarter Reallocations-** Five provider agency funding amounts were reallocated. The providers are Community-Based Connections, The Canaan Center, JAFCO, ELC, and Sun Serve. To utilize and spend most of the funds. We looked at additional funding and where we can put those funds in order to spend by September 30th of this year. Our new total funded amount is \$724,000. These are the reallocations that are slated to be presented to the board on August 21st. Joel Smith commented on one of the new contract amounts not adding up; it will be corrected. Joel also asked about the percentage of funds that will be returned to the county. Cassandra Evans advised that during an analysis of their monthly utilization and assessments, we are anticipating less than 5% being returned.

5. Motion: To support the 3rd Quarter Funding Reallocation

First: Joel Smith

Second: Maria Juarez Stouffer

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None.

Result: Passed

- **FY26 NPO Funding Recommendations-** The Document shows all providers for which the CSA has services. Attachment A presents general fund recommendations for our procured services, totaling \$ 12,101,149.00. Attachment B outlines funding for special projects, totaling \$4,237,000.00. Total for Human Services is \$ 21,275,660.00, which includes Health Care Services. Joel commented that, moving forward, reducing these agencies' funding amounts is expected to give them a platform to spend down the money. Dr. Tiffany Hill-Howard announced that some funding had been reallocated, resulting in a new total of \$16,338,149 for FY26, specifically for Children's Services. CSA funding allocations are set for the next three years, with services procured through the RFP from FY25. Staff are looking into the possibility of adjustments moving into FY2028.

Motion: To support the FY26 NPO Funding Recommendations

First: Maria Juarez Stouffer

Second: Cassandra Burrell

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None.

Result: Passed.

6. Good of the Order: Broward County, through our Intergovernmental Affairs office, put forth a legislative budget request for \$300,000 to continue enhancing and expanding funding for the Baker-Act Alternative Youth Transportation Pilot. The county originally contributed \$150,000. Unfortunately, the governor vetoed the increase. The county is examining its internal processes to determine how to continue funding.

7. Adjournment: 9:27 a.m.

Motion: To adjourn the CSB meeting at 9:27 A.M.

First: Evan Goldman

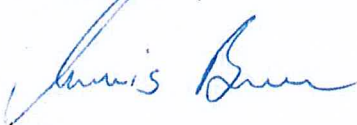
Second:

Declaration of Conflict: None

Discussion: None

Result: Passed

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Broward County, FL - Member Attendance Report - 2025

Children's Services Board

Member	Feb 21, 2025	Apr 15, 2025	Jun 13, 2025	Aug 15, 2025	TOTALS
Teves A Bush	P	P	P		100.0%
Maria E Juarez Stouffer	P	P	P		100.0%
Joel Smith	P	P	P		100.0%
Monica Figueroa King	P	P	E		66.67%
Elida Segrera	P	P	E		66.67%
Cassandra Burrell	P	P	P		100.0%
Sarah Gillespie Cummings	P	P	A		66.67%
Cynthia Honick	P	P	P		100.0%
Saran Earle-Cunningham	P	P	P		100.0%
Evan J. Goldman	P	P	P		100.0%
Veda F Hudge	P	P	P		100.0%
Alexandra P. Davis	P	P	P		100.0%
Jarvis Brunson	P	P	P		100.0%
Yolanda Nails	P	P	P		100.0%
Brenda Fam	P	A			50.0%
Cara A Malave	P	P	P		100.0%
Magdalena Mendez	A	P	A		33.33%
Traci Schweitzer	P	P	P		100.0%
Dr. Yelena Revere		P	P		100.0%
Dr. Bevlyn Sagon					0%

Present:	17	18	14	0	89.09%
Absent:	1	1	2	0	7.27%
Excused:	0	0	2	0	3.64%

- * P = Present
- * A = Absent
- * E = Excused
- * C = Canceled

Broward Partnerships for Kids

Presenters:

Diane Choi, *Assistant Director of Planning*

Carl Dasse, *Director of Community*

Research & Partnering

Sue Gallagher, *Chief Innovation Officer*

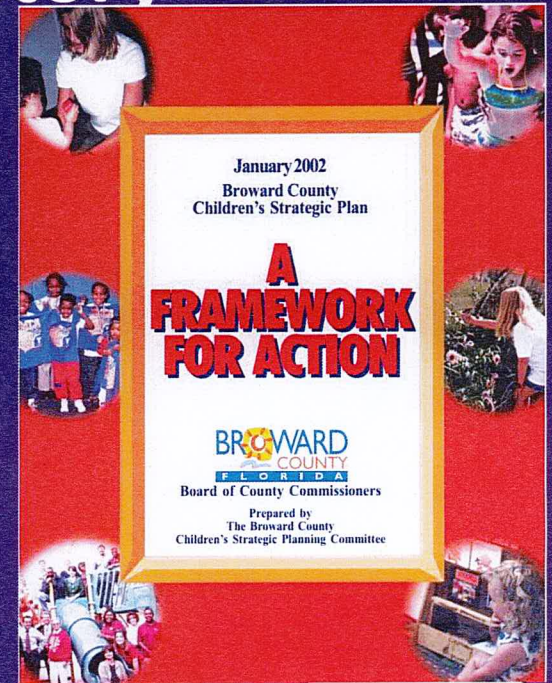


Broward Partnerships for Kids – History

- 1999 Children's Summit
- 2001 CSC adopts BCSP for Goals & Objectives
- 2002 First Published BCSP
- 2007 Seven Committees & Leadership Coalition

CSC's Backbone Support Philosophy

- Organic Process
- Support Bottom-Up Work
- Engage Executive leadership as appropriate

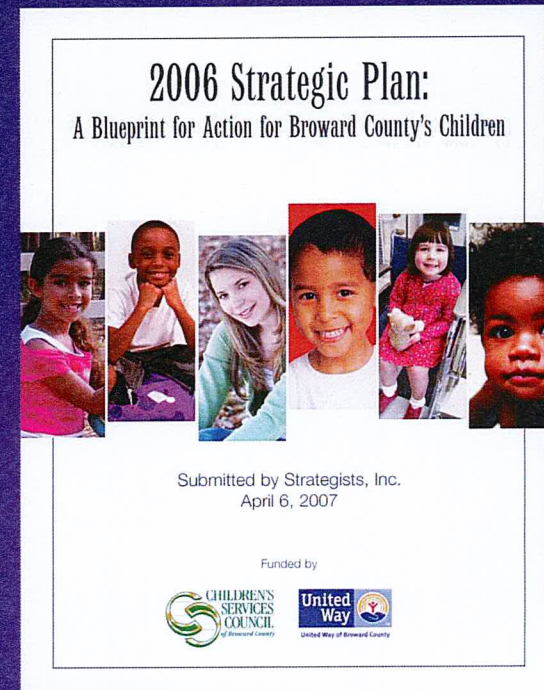


Broward Partnerships for Kids – History con't

2010

- Results-Based Accountability Framework
 - Population Accountability – Turn the Curve
 - Enhance Data to Support Committees
 - Low Cost, No Cost, Off the Wall Ideas
- Choose Peace Stop Violence Summit

2011 Adopt Collective Impact Approach



Broward Partnerships for Kids – Youth Summits ('02, '07, '12, '17, '22)

Essential Summit Components

- Community Indicator Trend Data
- BCSP Input and Organizing Framework
- Youth Participation
- Visioning for Next 5 Years



The poster is for the Youth Summit Series, specifically the final event of the 2022 series. It features a purple and white color scheme. The top section has the 'Youth Summit Series' logo with a date indicator '2022/22'. Below this, it says 'Join us for the finale of this year's Youth Summit Series' and 'Co-Creating a Community Where All Children Thrive.' The event is scheduled for 'Sept 23rd, 2022 • 9am-2pm' at 'SIGNATURE GRAND • 6900 W STATE RD 6A, DAVIE, FL 33317'. It lists a 'Keynote Speaker' as Laura Coates, CNN Legal Analyst, and a 'Musical Performance by' Alexander Star. The cost is '\$35 per person' and registration is at 'CSC20.eventsite.com'. The Children's Services Council logo is at the bottom. On the right side of the poster, there are two circular portraits: the top one is of Laura Coates, identified as 'LAURA COATES, CNN HOST AND SENIOR LEGAL ANALYST', and the bottom one is of Alexander Star, identified as 'ALEXANDER STAR, IMPACT ARTIST'.

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2022/22

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Featuring
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Register and RSVP at: CSC20.eventsite.com

Children's Services Council
20th Anniversary

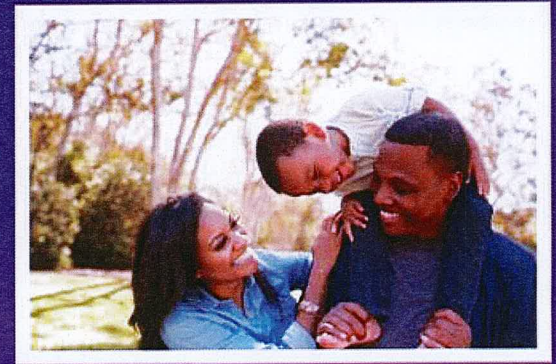
To attend virtually visit:
CSCBroward.org/YouthSummit

LAURA COATES, CNN HOST AND SENIOR LEGAL ANALYST

ALEXANDER STAR, IMPACT ARTIST

Broward Partnerships for Kids – Purpose

- Define & elevate systemwide issues, opportunities, and gaps
- Build collaboration, capacity, knowledge, and skills
- Support communication and enhance Broward's connective tissue
- Reduce duplication & working in silos
- Shared data measurement
- Elevate Broward Partnership for Kids committee information to CSC and *Funders Forum*



Broward Partnerships for Kids – Work

BROWARD CHILDREN'S STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEES

- Agency Capacity Building (ABC)
- Broward AWARE!
- Broward Bridge 2 Life
- Broward Diversion Coalition
- Broward Domestic Violence Council
- Broward Healthy Start Coalition, Inc. Maternal and Child Health
- Broward Human Trafficking Coalition
- Broward Reads Coalition
- Broward Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Children & Families Leadership Association (CFLA)
- Creole Initiative Action Team (CIAT)
- Data Committee
- Family Care Council (FCC) Area 10
- Fathers, Men, and Boys Action Committee
- Girls Coordinating Council
- Homeless Youth and Families
- House Bill 954 – Broward Children's System of Care
- Inclusion and Healing Task Force
- Infant Mental Health Committee
- Justice Project
- Mentoring Mindset Movement Committee
- Mind Body Resiliency Coalition
- Nutrition and Fitness Task Force
- Positive Youth Development
- Special Needs Advisory Coalition (S.N.A.C.)
- Stop Trafficking and Rescue Survivors (S.T.A.R.S.)
- Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (SEDNET)
- Transitional Independent Living
- United Way of Broward County's Commission on Behavioral Health & Drug Prevention

Broward Partnerships for Kids – Questions & Discussion

- Emerging Capacity to analyze system gaps observed by Broward Partnerships for Kids committees
- County collaboration with Broward Partnership for Kids (e.g. data, meeting locations, new partners, etc.)



YOUTH SYSTEM ORGANIZERS
OF BROWARD

Broward Youth Voice

UPDATE

2023 - 2024

YSO PURPOSE

- Build Collaboration among Youth & System Professionals
- Gather & Document Youth Voice
- Articulate Youth Voice
- Recommend System & Policy Change as Informed by Youth Voice
- Improve System Experiences for Youth
- Improve System Outcomes for Youth

DATA COLLECTION

- Youth & System Professional Feedback Development & Facilitation
- January 2024 - September 2024: *Dialogue & Survey Groups*
- Youth Survey Respondents: **86**
- System Professional Respondents: **50**

KEY FINDINGS: Youth Priorities

- Active Listening by Child Welfare Professionals
- Demonstrated Respect & Compassion from Child Welfare Professionals
- Increased Transparency & Trustworthy by Child Welfare Professionals
- Ensured Responsiveness & Follow-up from Child Welfare Professionals

Youth Voice Narrative

- “Approach us with grace, respect, and support”
- “Listen to understand us, not just to respond or judge us”
- “We need guidance and support”
- “When you make promises to youth, keep them - Consistency counts”
- “It took me being homeless for three years to get the help I needed”
- “Be truthful with us”
- “Make connection easier and more often”
- “Focus on having a more positive relationship with us”

KEY FINDINGS: System Professional Priorities

- Increased Interagency Communication & Collaboration
- Asking Youth about their Preferences
- Better Relationship Management with Youth
- Involve Youth in Life Decisions

System Professional Voice Narrative

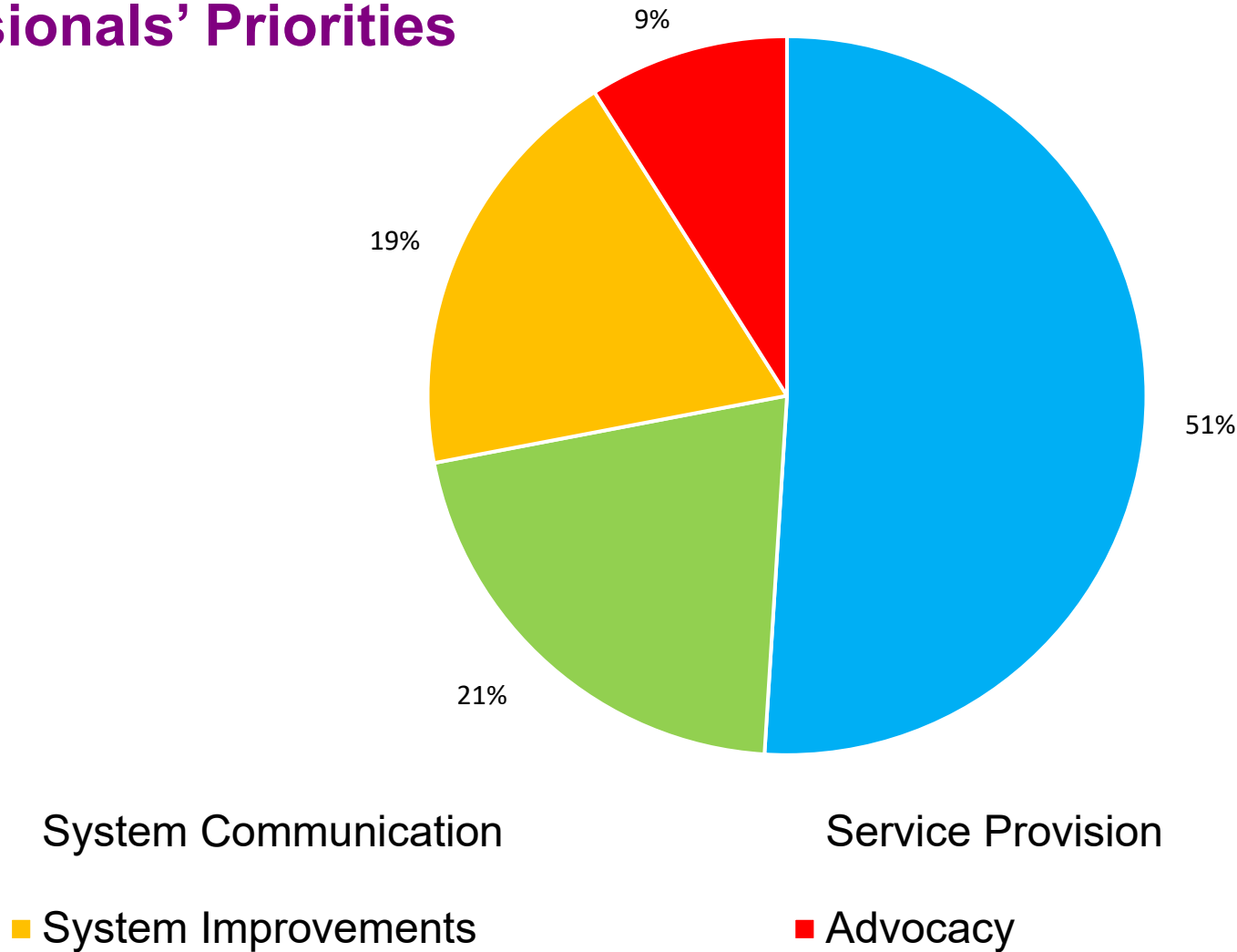
- “Communication among agencies needs to improve”
- “It can be challenging to coordinate care with other agencies”
- “Agencies involved with same youth need to be consistent and aligned”
- “We should be able to spend more time with youth to get to know them”
- “There’s room for improving our relationships with youth”
- “Youth can be more actively involved in their care”
- “We need to create more opportunities for youth voice”

KEY FINDINGS

Collective Youth & System Professionals' Priorities

- Improve Worker & Youth as well as System Communication
- Solicit Youth Voice for System Improvements
- Employ Youth Voice in Service Provision
- Amplify Youth Voice through Advocacy

Collective Youth & System Professionals' Priorities



KEY FINDINGS

Collective Youth & System Professionals' Recommendations

- Improve Communication Methods (*Frequency & Quality*)
- Increase Child Welfare Practitioner Check-ins with Youth
- Regular Solicitation & Incorporation of Youth Feedback
- Accessibility & Safe Spaces for Youth Voice



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Questions

Please Scan the QR Code and Complete
the Survey

Youth



**System
Professional**

