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# Problem Statement

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Connecting community leaders in multiple counties to promote positive reflection for Southwest Indiana toward reducing substance abuse, child abuse & neglect & negative effects on family's industry.



# SMART Statement

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How might we reduce child & substance abuse by enabling the southern Indiana courts to adopt the successful Vanderburgh County Parents and Drug Court Program to confirm the parents are drug free & ready to regain custody of their children and be a productive community member?



# The Sad Facts/Statistics

- 80% of child mistreatment cases are associated with alcohol and other drug problems.
- The number of abused or neglected children has risen from 1.1M to 2.9 M.
- 40% of drug court participants utilize outpatient treatment programs.
- In many communities, a list of local treatment programs are provided to the parents.
- 59% of adults began drinking or using between the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade.



# The Happy Facts/Statistics

- Parents using decreased from 66% to 22%, one year after attending a supervised program.
- 85% of Vanderburgh County parents who successfully complete the CHNS program are reconnected with their children.
- The structured CHNS program assists the courts to ensure families are healed before reconnecting the family.



# Area of Focus

## Department of Child Services (DCS) Region 16 & 17

### Region 16

- Knox
- Pike
- Gibson
- Vanderburgh
- Posey
- **Warrick**

### Region 17

- Orange
- Crawford
- Martin
- Daviess
- Dubois
- Perry
- Spencer



# Stakeholder Analysis

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| <p>Keep Satisfied</p> <p>County Government</p>  | <p>Manage Closely</p> <p>Judges</p> <p>DCS Social Workers</p> <p>Community Partners</p> <p>Substance Abuse</p> <p>Treatment Providers</p> |
| <p>Monitor</p> <p>Jails</p> <p>Drug Dealers</p> | <p>Keep Informed</p> <p>Lawyers</p> <p>Schools</p> <p>Police</p> <p>Parents</p>   |



# SWOT Analysis

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## Strengths:

- ✓ The teams knowledge of the program.
- ✓ Well established project template.
- ✓ The region 16 judges serve on Gini's regional service council.
- ✓ USI's research & grant writing assistance.
- ✓ DCS partners have funding to pay for drug testing etc.
- ✓ All three of us have a passion with this program



# SWOT Analysis

## Strengths Continued:

- ✓ The CHNS program has an eighty-five percent success rate of those parents who complete the program.
- ✓ The parents in the program will:
  - Be Drug and Alcohol Free
  - Gain Self-Respect/Social Skills
  - Understand Coping Strategies
  - Develop decision-making, budgeting, parenting, interview skills etc.



# SWOT Analysis

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## Weaknesses:

- Avoid offending the judges and DCS.
- Not sure of the initial startup funding costs for the CHNS program in each of the counties.
- Not sure how to staff to support the CHNS program.
- How might we share staffs between counties?



# SWOT Analysis cont.

## Opportunities:

- Gini does have knowledge of the other county judges.
- The other county judges are aware of the CHNS program.
- Well established project template to work from.



# SWOT Analysis cont.

## Threats:

- Lack of grant funding.
- Lack of court time.
- Difficulty in achieving buy-in from the judge.
- Non-for-profit organizations being concerned with expenses with additional attendees.
- Lack of in-patient treatment resources.
- The fear of the county councils not buying in to this program for future funding.



# Goal

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To implement the CHNS program into one of the counties in district 16 & 17 by December 2010.



# Actions

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- Speak with USI about their help in researching grants/funds that may be utilized to support the CHNS program in each of the counties.
- Gather county specific treatment programs available to CHNS participants.
- Polish the presentation delivery to the courts.



# Testimony

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