

## REACHING OUR GOAL: KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE!

To work toward the prevention of child abuse and neglect and the prevention of children (re) entering care, more than 45 community partners participated in shaping this strategic plan. Community partners' involvement was thoughtful, occurred outside normal monthly meeting times, and included a large investment of energy and time to appropriately shape the plan.

Ultimately, it is the community's responsibility to keep children safe.

Proposals for our Grant County CPPC include:

- Parent Skills Workgroups and Training
- Inter-Agency Home Visiting Program
- Community Training
- Community Orientations on the Status of Grant County Children
- Recognizing Partners and Parents that Champion Children and their Safety.

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## COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR PROTECTING CHILDREN



Grant County, Kentucky



## KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IS EVERYONE'S BUSINESS

Helping Communities Keep Children Safe.

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## WHAT IS COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR PROTECTING CHILDREN?

Church pastors and their members, preschool, elementary, and high school staff, mental and physical health professionals, attorneys and other court representatives, foster parents and parents are the Community Partnership for Protecting Children in Grant County! More than 45 people gather monthly to discuss and take action on reducing child abuse and neglect in Grant County.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services awarded Grant County funding to spearhead community based programs and services to protect children from abuse and neglect. In order to determine appropriate programs and services, we convened a workgroup made up of the people and organizations listed above, to identify appropriate child abuse and neglect prevention programs, and to provide monitoring and feedback to the services and programs being implemented.

Community Partnership for Protecting Children (CPPC) engages community members to play an active role in the prevention of child abuse and neglect. By providing early intervention services to families and their children, child abuse and neglect can be prevented. The CPPC approach recognizes that keeping children safe is everyone's business and that community members must be offered opportunities to help vulnerable families and to shape the services and supports provided.

CPPC is a comprehensive way to provide services because it involves key service providers getting involved with families earlier in their crises. This approach ensures the safety of our children in Grant County.

## SOME OF GRANT COUNTY'S CPPC PARTNERS

- Cabinet for Health and Family Services/Department for Community Based Services
- CareNet Services
- Community Collaboration for Children
- County attorney's office and Court staff
- Dry Ridge Christian Church
- Grant County Coroner's Office
- Grant County Extension Services
- Grant County Schools and Family Resource Youth Services Centers
- Grant County Sheriff's Office
- Head Start
- Kentucky State Police
- N KY District Health Department
- Northern KY Community Action Commission
- NorthKey Community Care
- NorthKey KEYS Services
- Parents, Grandparents, and Foster Parents
- Sherman Baptist Church
- Williamstown Baptist Church
- Williamstown Schools and Family Resource Youth Services Centers
- Williamstown United Methodist Church
- Women's Crisis Center



## PRINCIPLES AND VALUES GUIDING THE WORK OF CPPC

- Families are strong when all members, including caregivers, are safe from abuse.
- There is no substitute for strong families to ensure that children and youth grow up to be capable adults.
- Families need supportive communities to help them be strong.
- Children can best be kept safe when families, friends, residents, and organizations work together as partners.
- Children should stay with their own families, whenever possible.
- Services and supports need to be available earlier, before crises occur, and must be closely linked to the communities in which families live.
- Government alone, through the public child protective services (CPS) agency, cannot keep children safe from abuse and neglect.
- Efforts to reduce abuse and neglect must be closely linked to broader community initiatives and priorities.
- We believe that agencies and individuals should be accountable for the decisions they make on behalf of children.

Partnerships of public and private agencies, professional and residents are working together to help prevent abuse and neglect, respond quickly and effectively when it does occur, and reduce the re-occurrence of child maltreatment through tailored family interventions.