

Dane County Child Abuse & Neglect Community Coordinated Response

Mission CAN-CCR

The mission CAN-CCR is to:

- Promote the development of a full continuum of best-practice strategies and services from crisis, prevention, early intervention and treatment response to remedy and reduce the occurrence of abuse and neglect of children;
- Promote consensus among system members regarding the principles and philosophy of which those strategies/services/responses are based to minimize the negative impacts on children and families of the investigation, intervention and/or prosecution process;
- Coordinate and collaborate with representatives of multiple systems to ensure clarity of roles and appropriate responses and referrals for victim services;
- Promote the continual improvement of service & system response to child abuse, child sexual abuse and neglect through gathering of data, assessing results, modifying and coordinating *systems and* services as indicated.
- Promote a child abuse response system of inclusion and racial equity

Functions and Structure of the CAN-CCR

The CAN-CCR is an advisory committee under the umbrella of the Dane County Commission on Sensitive Crimes (COSC). The CAN CCR is charged to serve a collaborative, oversight and coordination function of community child abuse response to fulfill the mission outlined above. The CCR designates subcommittees to accomplish project work. Subcommittees report on their initiatives, goals, activities, and project progress at CAN-CCR meetings to ensure coordination and support across system efforts to address child abuse and neglect issues in the community. The CAN-CCR meeting provides a forum for discussion and collaboration to inform subcommittee project work. A part-time staff person is funded through the Dane County budget to provide assistance with administrative tasks.

Membership

The CAN-CCR membership is comprised of Dane County area professionals and community members with an interest and investment in the CCR mission. CAN CCR membership includes, but is not limited to, staff from human service providers, schools, mental health agencies, child and family programs, community and neighborhood centers and Dane County Human Services.

Meetings

The CAN-CCR meets quarterly convening the lead facilitators for each subcommittee and is open to all CCR CAN members. Agendas are sent out a week in advance of the meeting. The CAN-CCR often hosts presenters on various topics such as TBD. The agenda may also include group discussion and problem solving based on subcommittee project work and current events related to CAN issues of cases presented from the membership.

CAN CCR will meet quarterly— **March, June, September, December**

Reports

The CAN-CCR reports monthly to the COSC. Additionally, an annual report of the CAN-CCR's accomplishments and ongoing projects is presented to the COSC and the Dane County Board of Board of Supervisors. COSC interested in pursuing policy recommendations. Wants to become a feeder for legislation to improve system response and forum for other issues.

Subcommittees

Safe Harbor Case Review

Chair: Jennifer Ginsburg

Meeting Schedule: set- invite only

This subcommittee provides a forum for professionals involved in Safe Harbor forensic interviewing/law enforcement/prosecutorial process to review and coordinate response for active, open investigations to ensure high quality and continued cooperation and collaboration between systems in the investigative process to minimize the system-related trauma for children and families. Reviews follow credentialing standards.

Prevention and Early Intervention

Chairs: Audrey Conn & Jessica Wipperfurth

Meeting Schedule:

This subcommittee provides a platform for large system (medical, school, CPS) and grassroots (community and neighborhood based) prevention efforts to coordinate, learn from and support each other to maximize their reach and impact to support families to prevent child abuse from occurring. Current efforts include optimizing social media and create CAN-CCR resource and information web site. PEI efforts are considered and delivered from a racial and health equity lens.

Mental Health Service Provider Coordination

Chairs: Jennifer Ginsberg

Meeting Schedule:

This subcommittee provides a forum for treatment providers to review cases, share best practices and coordinate response for children and families in the service system.

Macro Policy/Legislative Issues

Chairs: Eve Dorman & Jenny Grether

Meeting Schedule:

This subcommittee is charged to monitor and advocate for state and local policies that support and strengthen families, and mobilize a response to policy changes that will impact families.

School/Education Coordination

Chairs: Gina Aguglia

Meeting Schedule:

This subcommittee provides a space for school social workers and other staff to discuss and stay informed of CPS related issues, statutes and policies that impact students and interface in the school setting. This subcommittee also provides a forum to discuss social work higher education and how it prepares social workers to work in CPS.