It Takes a Village:
Keeping Families Together Using a Community
Ecological & Strengths-Based Approach

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Objectives for the Presentation

1. To describe the development of TIES community partnerships and the TIES Program using a tree analogy within an ecological system
2. To share how we establish & maintain a strong therapeutic alliance
3. To present preliminary TIES family outcomes
4. To share how our village is maintained
5. To describe collaborative “DO’s and DON’Ts”
6. To share our vision and plans for the future
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Building the TIES Village.

Need

Funding

Collaboration

Therapeutic Intervention, Education, & Skills (TIES)
Everything is About Relationships.
Raising the TIES Village.

**Therapeutic Alliance**

Respect, Unconditional Positive Regard

- Must begin immediately
- Starts with respect (family roles, culture, home, rules, etc.)
- Clarify worker’s role
- Join with the family by determining THEIR strengths and goals
  ~ “Your Deal” Cards
- Collaborate with family on how to best merge their goals with DCS (or other tx monitor) goals for best outcome
- Collaborate with family on how their strengths will move towards goal completion
- Collaborate with family on any obstacles they foresee and begin planning for barriers based on family’s own strengths
TIES Village Outcomes
**Program Demographics**

- **202** total cases enrolled.
- **73%** of cases have **successfully completed** both the IFPS and Seeking Safety portions of the TIES program.
- The majority of TIES families are from Rutherford County.
The majority of the focal children in the TIES evaluation are **White, Male, and under one year old** (n=134).
Evaluation Demographics: NAS

- 13% of TIES evaluation focal children have been diagnosed with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) at birth.
Evaluation Demographics: Caregivers

- The majority of the primary caregivers in the TIES evaluation are **White, Female**, and between the ages of **20-29 years old (n=134)**.
Family Functioning is improving from baseline to discharge (n=94).

Improvements are statistically significant * in 8 domains (lower is better).
The proportion of caregivers meeting the threshold for high drug and alcohol use is decreasing from baseline to discharge (n=79).
92% of TIES focal children are currently in their homes post-services (n=106).

No removal = 98

Removal = 8
94% of all TIES focal children currently have no additional substantiated maltreatment post-services (n=106).
TIES is currently exceeding its safety and permanency goals.

Safety Goal:
90% of children without substantiated maltreatment at 6 months post-services.

Permanency Goal:
80% of children with no removal at 6 months post-services.

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n=21  n=26  n=17  n=19
Maintaining the TIES Village

- BSF2TIES Regional Collaborative Council
  - Primarily rural

- BSF2TIES Advisory/Steering Committee
  - Primarily state departments
What we’ve learned through these collaborations
Do’s

• Seek varied opinions about who to include in your collaboration
• Extend a personal invitation
• Offer opportunities for everybody to **WIN**
• Provide opportunities for everybody to feel **SPECIAL**
Don’ts

• Assume that every individual/group invited will continue to come
• View losses at your table as a failure (unless your table has emptied substantially)
• Take the position that it’s your table or nothing
• Try to push individuals/groups into more formal collaboration
The Parable of the River
It takes a village.

Each connection within the larger community is important for overall success.

- Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services
- Department of Children’s Services
  - Regional & Central Offices
- Department of Education
- Administrative Office of the Courts
- Department of Health
- Governor’s Children’s Cabinet
- Department of Human Services
- Potential funders (State Medicaid)
Working together for a healthier future

- Adverse Childhood Experience Study (ACES)
  - treatment & prevention of ACEs
    - Seeking Safety
    - Outside referrals
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