Breaking Down Barriers:
Strategies for Promoting Collaboration Across Homeless Services, Child Welfare, and Education

October 29, 2017
Presentation overview

- Background
- Purpose of cross-training
- General structure of cross-training
- Planning and implementing local cross-training—vision and your role
- Implementation and planning recommendations
- Q and A
Background: Maltreatment and homelessness
The need for collaboration: A case example
Why cross-training?

Support from multiple systems
Insufficient resources
Not natural
Unique purpose
Correct “blind spots”
Cross-training goals and objectives

- Increase access to services and resources
- Support providers work together
- Increase knowledge
- Identify barriers
- Recognize other values
- Effectively collaborate
What are the essential components of the cross-training sessions?

- Basic overviews
- Networking
- Identify needs for
- Develop relationships

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Cross Training Agenda

Sample Agenda provided in handouts

Working Together – A Cross Training for Child Welfare, Homeless Services, Supportive Housing and Early Education Service Providers

Agenda

8:30 to 9:00  Registration

9:00 to 9:10  Welcome and Overview of the Day

9:10 to 9:30  Keynote Addresses DCFS Director George Sheldon
Who should attend cross-training sessions?
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Planning and implementation: nuts and bolts
Sample Flow Chart included in handouts
Planning and implementation: best practices

- Engage leaders
- Be realistic about time
- Identify champions
- Rely on local wisdom
- Leverage
Lessons learned

Without money?
Venue
Hidden costs
Food
Media
Keynote speakers
What’s next
Discussion

- Do you see a need for cross-training in your community?
- How could this work in your community?
- What barriers to cross-training exist in your community?
- What do you think the benefits would be?
Contact us, we want to help!

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