



# Bennington Regional Action Plan

**Children Are Healthy**

**Bennington will become a trauma informed trauma-sensitive region**

<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Action Steps</b>	<b>Performance Measures</b>	<b>FY 18 &amp; 19</b>
<p>Develop a baseline of information, skills and attitudes about trauma and trauma informed practices.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● BBF Council will have a committee called HOPE (Center for Social Policy) that will interface with the community ACES Team</li> <li>● 2 Informational meetings about trauma informed/trauma sensitive practices in Bennington will happen prior to 12/2018</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● % of Community members and providers who understand NEAR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Hope Committee will be developed and add strategies and activities to the action plan</li> <li>● <b>Long Term</b> all children will be successful in their early childhood placements</li> </ul>



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<p>Bennington will use a region wide referral process that is comprehensive and supports the CIS &amp; IFS model of single referrals for people who are suffering from trauma related symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>DEVELOP</b> a referral process that is proactive for people with trauma &amp; link to other systems- CIS IFS by September 2018</li> <li>● <b>Pilot</b> a referral process for trauma by December 2018</li> <li>● <b>Assess</b> referral process by March 2019 and make the appropriate</li> <li>● Bennington will pilot a regional consultative model (to be developed) depends on IFS and CIS pyramid model Addison County might be a model</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● %/#of referrals that come through integrated source.</li> </ul>	
<p>Identify and Develop protocol to support children in stressful situations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Explore Early MTSS for Bennington region</li> <li>● Use DECA to help identify children and innovative strategies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● #of ECE programs using EMTSS</li> <li>● #/% of ECE Suspension and expulsions</li> </ul>	

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**All Bennington Families will be Substance Free**



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<p>Children &amp; families are supported to maintain healthy living conditions using CIS &amp; IFS services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Develop a protocol about referrals and determine the appropriate information that is important to include</li> <li>● Connect to the Blueprint data</li> <li>● Connect to the Pediatric Care Team</li> <li>● CIS will develop a system to track children born addicted and have nursing services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Reduction in the # of abuse and neglect cases reported to DCF-FS</li> <li>● Reduction of substantiated cases by 15%</li> <li>● Reduction of # of children under 6 taken into custody</li> <li>● # of referrals from HMG to Bennington Services</li> <li>● Use of CIS data around the # of referrals</li> <li>● % of people who achieve an outcome at the annual review or at exit</li> <li>●</li> </ul>	<p>Priority with CIS</p>
<p>Bennington will have the background information to understand the depth of all substance use: smoking, alcohol, banned substances, opioids</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● MCH coalition will revisit the use of smoking quit bags for pregnant and parenting mothers</li> <li>● Partner with prevention coalition?</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Smoking</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● % Smoking During pregnancy</li> <li>● % of women who stopped smoking during pregnancy</li> <li>● % of women who remained quit for 6 months after birth of baby</li> <li>● Alcohol same criteria</li> <li>● Other Substances: same</li> <li>● Opioids: same with addition</li> <li>● % women enrolled in a Medically Assisted Treatment Program</li> </ul>	



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Bennington will develop a tracking system for all children born addicted to substances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SVMC, CIS, DCF-FS, Sunrise, Hawthorne Center will meet to determine feasibility and next steps of system</li> <li>DCF will determine if DECA will assist placement stability for children under 6</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>% of children who can stay in their homes</li> </ul>	
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### Children who are ready for school in 5 development areas

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<p>There is an agreed upon set of strategies used in the continuum of 0 to age 8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teachers have and use information about new VELs to work with children and families</li> <li>Develop a link between VELs &amp; activities</li> <li>Make activities easy to implement for use in all settings, child care, school, home</li> <li>Identified and agree upon markers of success</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>% of children ready for school in all developmental areas</li> <li>% of children ready for school in 4 developmental areas &amp; 3 developmental</li> <li>Develop an analysis of ready in each of the 5 developmental areas</li> </ul>	
<p>Children and their families are transitioned from program to program as a process not an event</p>	<p>Early Ed professionals &amp; K teachers will meet to develop a process that includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the information that should be shared</li> <li>Multiple opportunities for parents to come into the school</li> <li>Schools will agree to using the TS-Gold and DECA as part of the transition packets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>% of parents reporting a of connectedness</li> <li>% of ECE professionals and K teachers who re</li> </ul> <p>KRS</p>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SU's and BBF will explore having a K. Transition summit by 4/19</li> <li>• A meeting will be held in spring 2018 with all SU's and some early ed providers</li> <li>• Decision made to go forward for summit in 2019</li> </ul>		
Identify and Develop protocol to identify children and stressful situations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore Early MTSS for Bennington region</li> <li>• Use DECA to help identify children and innovative strategies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the number of ECE programs using EMTSS</li> <li>• # of children who are asked to leave their programs (suspension/expulsion rates)</li> </ul>	

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**All children are in quality early childhood settings**



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Parents & children can access quality early childhood experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parents are educated on the importance of quality services</li> <li>There will be an increase in the number of 4 and 5 STAR programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>% of families will request providers with STARS</li> <li>% and # 4 &amp; 5 STAR programs</li> </ul>	
Bennington will offer a wide range of region wide professional development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>QTF will annually determine region wide offerings</li> <li>BCCCA will host the annual conference with themes about positive early childhood experiences</li> </ul>	%/# of providers attend % of found it useful % who increased licensing level	<b>Priority</b>
Families will have a choice of quality early childhood experiences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bennington will support playgroups across the region</li> <li>Bennington will support the 1000 books before Kindergarten campaign</li> <li>Bennington will support book boxes for childcare sites developed by the librarians</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># of playgroups</li> <li>Range of geographies for playgroups</li> </ul>	<b>Priority</b>
<b>Reduce</b> number of children who are unable to participate in activities due to unmet behavioral needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>increase Mental Health Consultations to providers, teachers and families</li> </ul>	# of mental health providers Wait times % Follow through on referrals # of referrals	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify &amp; develop diverse funding stream for consultative services in all locations</li> </ul>		
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<b>Children &amp; their Families Are Supported</b>			
<b>Develop opportunities to develop a positive relationship with children &amp; their families</b>			
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<p><b>Ensure</b> that children’s social emotional learning needs are met in both formal and informal situations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents are given information about community programs, playgroups, socialization &amp; information</li> <li>• Parents are informed about the importance of quality early childhood experiences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• number of families attending playgroups</li> <li>• % of families who find playgroups “good”</li> </ul> <p>% of parents who request a 4 or 5 STAR program</p>	
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## Children & their Families Are Supported

### Continued Professional Development to support the early childhood field and local priorities

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<p>Bennington will have cross discipline professional development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bennington will host a fall all day conference for early childhood professionals</li> <li>• The QTF will determine and sponsor a large scale training that helps to grow regional knowledge and culture of collaboration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conference Occurred               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How many workshops</li> <li>○ How many attendees</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Training is identified               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Established link to VELs &amp; TS Gold</li> <li>○ # of attendees</li> <li>○ % of positive evaluations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p>The ACES team &amp; CIS will work together to train on trauma</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flourishing Communities training will happen across the region</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # of trainings</li> <li>• # of sectors trained</li> <li>• # of attendees</li> <li>• % of positive evaluations</li> </ul>	