

YOUTH – EDUCATION – SUPPORT  
Y.E.S. PROJECT  
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PUBLIC HEALTH

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### Proposal Context

- Youth population at risk
- Treatment access
- Partnership building

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### Y.E.S. Project Description

- Dept. of Youth Services – Family Intervention Specialist
- Schools of Social Work Planning Grants
- Dept. of Social Services – Foster Parent and DSS Staff Training

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## Department of Social Services

- Mission
- Consumer demographics
- Consumers in placement
- Foster Homes
- KidsNet Contract

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## Workplan

- ISA's
- ORC/MACRO Evaluation Component
- Hiring Trainers
- Curriculum design
- Pilot Trainings
- Training Schedule
- Evaluating Training Outcomes

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## Retrospective Pro's & Con's

- Option 1: DPH Administers Training
- Option 2: Contract with DSS for Training
- Option 3: Status Quo – DPH-DSS-KidsNet

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## Continuing Challenges

- Cultural Competency
- Variable staff experience levels
- Motivating foster parents to attend
- Evaluation integrity

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