

**Basic Needs
Minutes from Chart Paper
November 20, 2007**

Child Welfare

Issues:

1. High caseload for social workers
2. Low investment in problem
3. Subfunded mandates
4. Family to Family is a good approach but lacks capability to realized potential
5. Awareness (lack) of the resources for children at risk

Goals:

1. Raise awareness/utilization of resources that help prevent maltreatment
2. A child welfare system appropriately responds to the needs of children and families

Strategies:

1.
 - a. Public awareness and investment in preventing/treating child maltreatment
Convey the true costs of CAN
 - b. Improve the coping skills of parents while also reducing the stresses of families (increase access to public assistance/supports)
2. Systemic reform of child welfare system

Populations:

- Parents
- Youth
- Elderly

Partners:

Example: Safety Seats

- A. Wayne Metro-get more parents to utilize the free safety seat training and equipment-AAA
- B. Churches
- C. Skillman, GNI
- D. Casey Foundation
- E. MI Children's Trust Fund

Next Meeting – Monday, December 17, 2007, 11:30 -1:45