WORKING DRAFT KEY (& SECONDARY?) INDICATORS OF CHILD AND YOUTH WELL-BEING

General comments:

Address children with special health care needs (DPH CYSHCN program population)

Make sure examine all indicators by race/ethnicity, gender, income

Look at risks and positive from parents/family and community

Consider pro social activity (not just deficits) – involved in community, successfully complete probation/parole For young adults, could be useful to look at wage info, entitlement utilization for

All (under 18)	Ages 0-9	Ages 10-18	19-24 (maybe add?)
Sources:	Sources:	Sources:	Sources:
Comm. on Children	OPM Early Childhood Office	CETC Youth Subcommittee	Any young adult
Child Poverty and Prevention Council		JJJSP	councils/committees?
Children in the Recession		RTA	
		JJPOCC	
OCA, Children's Trust Fund			
DCF, CSSD, SDE, DPH, DDS, DSS			DCF, CSSD, SDE, DPH, DMHAS,
		+ DOC?, DOL? CETC?	DDS, DSS, DOC, DHE, DOL/CETC

SAFE – KEY			
Fatality Rate	Young child fatality rate	Teen fatality rate	Fatality rate?
Abuse/Neglect Rate (substantiated)	A/N rate under 10	A/N rate 10-18	
Consider suicide rates here or in health?			
Secondary?			
Repeat Maltreatment of A/N victims (CW)			
Feel safe in school			
MV fatalities/injuries			
Homicide/violence			
Consider:			
Kids with OTC/risk of injury cases			
Risk of injury case numbers			
Traumatic brain injury stats			

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HEALTHY - KEY			
Have Health Insurance	% Insured	% Insured	% Insured?
Children covered by HUSKY – where are			
the gaps (children with undoc parents)			
Physical Health Status	% Overweight or obese	% Overweight or obese	
Mental Health Status	% Depressed	% Depressed	
Oral Health Status	% Untreated cavities	% Untreated cavities	
Consider			
SED (or whatever term used now) rates			
Wait lists for DDS, DCF services			
Secondary?			
Dev/health status at risk children (CW)			
Suicide attempted and completed (see			
SAFE)?			
Chronic condition managed			
Eat vegetables and fruits			
Get physical exercise			
Wear seatbelt			
Wear helmet			
	?	Binge Drinking	
	?	Tobacco Use	
	?	Illegal drug use	
	?	If sexually active use contraception	
Consider:			
Summer feeding program numbers			
Summer recreation numbers			

STABLE - KEY	
Stable Living Environment	% Homeless?
Live with parent/adequate family income	
% single parent in poverty	
% no adult with HS degree	
% families with father involved (DDA?)	
Live at same address past year?	
% school age kids who are transient	
School Attendance (truant, chronic tardy)?	
% chronically absent from school	

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Secondary?		
Out of Home Placements (CW)		
% kids in out of home placements		
% abuse and neglect		
Reunification/permanency (CW)		
% returned to parents, guardian, adopted		
Housing Security		
% families paying >30% of income for		
housing		
Food Security?		
% families experiencing hunger		
Positive Development Factors		
% kids with caring adult at home		

Notes from 11-2-11 Workgroup meeting:

Be aware of cultural differences, moral/religious values in this area – and consider potentially provocative indicators, e.g., single parent per se not unstable living environment, even though correlates with poverty – so maybe better to use single parent in poverty and/or look at education factors that correlate with stability/economic security such as live with parents w/o high school degree or no adult in household with high school degree (which can get from census data)

Many stability indicators overlap with success; also, stability doesn't just mean aren't moving around a lot, but that have security -- consistent caring person in life, enough food (and regular meals with family), clothes., regular schedule (enough sleep)

School attendance, chronic absenteeism could be good proxy for stability (and data are available – SDE might also have data about change in address, school records include when move – check on with department)

Chronic poverty does impact stability significantly – maybe consider percent children in families where adult employed at living wage Also can look at things like % living in a family that pays over 30% for housing; food stamp use, shelter use/homelessness, food bank use, free and reduced lunch and school breakfast stats (check into severe food hardship – is a Gallop survey every year that addresses – organization called FRAC?)

SDE "Blue Forms" (school health assessments required to be enrolled and at grade 6 and 10?) have lots of info but not electronic Not compiled – check with SDE about what available and why not automated

FUTURE SUCCESS - KEY			
Poverty rate	Poverty rate 0-9	Poverty rate 10-18	% Living at below/poverty
Academic performance	3 rd grade reading proficiency	On-time HS graduation	% In school or employed
Positive development/protective factors	Low birth weight	Teen births	
Secondary?			
Education progress at-risk children (CW –			
DCF population)			
Meals with family?			

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Have caring adult in life?			
Positive expectations for future?			
	Attended preschool age 4	In school or employed	
	Quality child care/afterschool?	Afterschool activities	
	?	Juvenile crime – arrests, referrals to court	
	?	Suspensions/expulsions from school	
Consider:			
Homelessness			
Competent adult presence			
Exposure to violence, trauma			
% young adults with 2 semesters of			
college			
% employed at living wage			
% of college students in remediation			
classes			
% under 25 without high school diploma			
Math and reading proficiency			
Incidents in schools (based on the ED-			
166? – an SDE form/report?)			
Births to moms without high school			
diploma			
Kids without dad in life (check on the			
fatherhood initiatives, Early Childhood			
Cabinet work)			