

PROPOSAL

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Monroe County Proposal

Intent: To provide a program to aid Monroe County Child Protective Services in regaining the trust of our community, easing the caseloads of caseworkers, actuating a more expeditious and successful close to each case and reducing the financial burden of taxpayers

Alcohol and drug use

are the 2 top risk factors that lead to child abuse.

Statistics from the most current CHILD MALTREATMENT REPORT from THE CHILDRENS BUREAU published January 2017 (indicative of data acquired in 2015) has delineated:

- up to 2/3 of all child abuse cases involve substance use**
- children whose parents abuse alcohol or drugs are 3x more likely to be abused and 4x more likely to be neglected**
- 2/3 of people in treatment for drug abuse report being abused or neglected as a child**

1. CPS workers are NOT trained in detecting substance use disorders or intervening with appropriate treatment programs. Recovery Now NY will provide trained individuals (to be called Addiction Crisis Special Interventionalists- “ACSI’s”) to accompany caseworkers on calls when there is suspicion of drug and alcohol abuse.

The ACSI will provide an onsite evaluation for suspected person(s) and provide immediate access to inpatient treatment and other appropriate treatment options to those willing to get help.

If a suspected drug user is opposed to treatment or denies drug use, the ACSI will meet with the Addiction Crisis Special Action Team (ACSAT) within 24 hours to review the evaluation and formulate an approved treatment plan in writing by the next business day.

By giving those addicted fast and viable options for treatment, they are empowered to begin the process of family restoration.

2. With two people on site, the Monroe County Caseworker and the ACSI - all case reports, evidence and evaluations gain credibility via each other’s testimony if any dispute arises. The ACSI will look for signs of addiction in parent and child and also access the living conditions to make sure it is a drug free zone. This will allow the CPS worker to focus on the well-being of the child.

3. The restoration of the family in a more timely manner will lighten the burden on foster care, family court and jail. With the

parent or caregiver in treatment faster, the child can begin to live without the pain caused by abuse and neglect. CPS can regain a reputation of helping families in need instead of raising fear in those who believe CPS will rip their family apart. Cases will be closed faster, with less man hours per case.

4. CPS will serve as a catalyst in getting the parent to treatment. This voluntary option will save time and money because a court mandate will not be needed. The trained ACSI will approach those suffering from addiction in a non-threatening way. Thus, gaining the trust and confidence of those that need help. They will offer encouragement and will navigate the best road to recovery. Getting into treatment can seem like an overwhelming task. The ACSI will simplify this process by giving step by step instructions.
5. The ACSI will also be available upon CPS request to do surprise visits. These visits can entail a routine check-in to update or revise the treatment plan. They may also include “on the spot” drug tests to ensure the treatment plan is followed.

Hiring Practices:

Mission Recovery and Hope, Inc. will hire and train all those affiliated with the ACSI program. It will be based on a culturally diverse method of hiring which will include a mixture of staff with casac accreditation, peer recovery certification and those with other employment history and life skills that are deemed qualified.

This ACSI Program is modelled after the CASA of Rochester, Monroe County program. However, it is specifically designed to deal with the drug pandemic that plagues our community. It will be independent of CPS providing a checks and balance approach that is geared to instill trust. It will save the taxpayers money by bringing cases to a less time consuming and successful close. It will serve as a hand outstretched to parents and caregivers as opposed to the clenched fist and pointed finger that is perceived as today.

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