

CHANGING THE GAME IN PARENT VOICE

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THRIVING FAMILIES: WHO WE ARE

Thriving Families, Safer Children is a national partnership that aims to support communities and lived experts in sites around the country, who are developing approaches for community well-being that help families avoid child welfare system involvement.

Thriving Families, Safer Children (TFSC) is a national commitment to child, youth and family wellbeing.

We envision a world in which all children,
youth, and families live in just and
equitable communities with the
supports, opportunities, and resources
they need to thrive and remain free of
unnecessary child welfare system
involvement.

VISION (Our Championship)

Our vision is to BRAVELY and RADICALLY honor Parents as partners in and with our family serving systems throughout Florida.

DETERMINE
BLISS

GOAL

To elevate power, create shared decision making and develop parent leadership throughout our policies, practices and family serving systems in Florida.

GAME PLAN

- Provide History & Perspective
- Test Our Assumptions
- Identify BOLD Strategies
- Recruit New Members



WE WANT TO WIN A CHAMPIONSHIP!!!

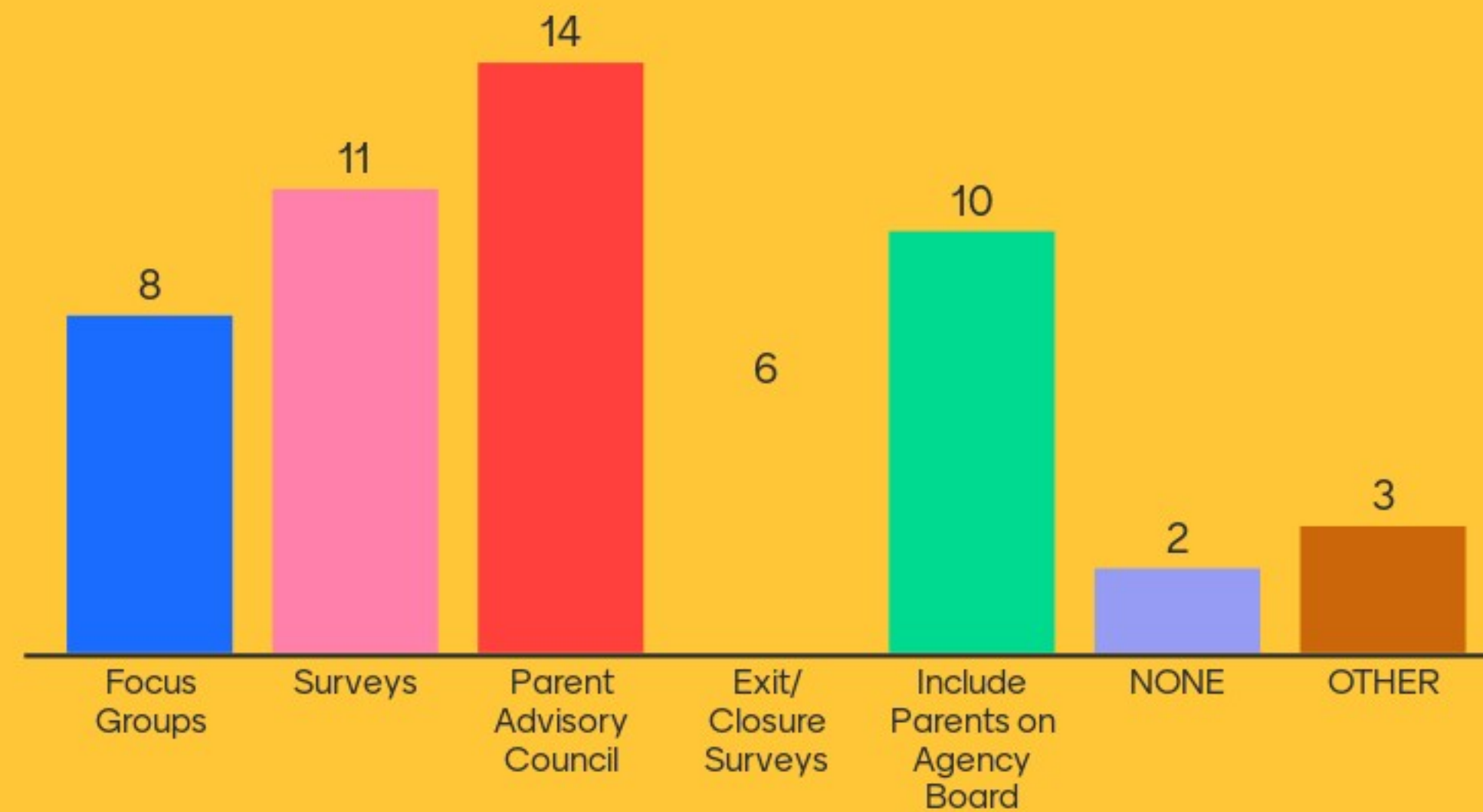


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What is your current playbook for receiving authentic feedback from birth parents ?



Who Has A Current Line-up with These Positions? Parent Advisory Council, Parent Support Group, Birth Parent on Board AND/OR have Birth Parent staff

19 Responses

NAMI Parents for Parents

Parent advisory counsel

C12: NAMI Parents for Parents (Staff/Peer Support) & Parent Support Group

State has incorporated birth parents into boards.

Brevard Family Partnership- PAC, Parent Support Group

Partnership for Strong Families is developing a Parent Advisory Council

Birth Parents on staff and advisory roles and I believe advisory board NWF Health

4 Sisters Solutions- Birth parent staff Parent Support Group

I have been searching for supports for parents but have not been able to identify within my community



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Citrus FCN- Parent led department, birth parent advisory council, support group

We have all, but on agency board.

Parent advisory, birth parents

Heartland :pac , group support

I believe most CBC agency's have tried parent advisory committees with birth parents

Citrusfcn

PATH!!!!!!

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FEAC- Broward



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Fair

WHAT WOULD BE THE FINAL SCORE (IMPACT) IF CHILD WELFARE SYSTEMS GAVE POWER TO PARENTS AS EQUAL PARTNERS?

28 Responses

Trust

Healed families

Communication and honesty

Commonsense supports

Justice

True sense of community

Trust in the system

Strong communities rather than a child welfare system

System discomfort

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28 Responses

I think outcomes would be a little different as far as our expectations for stability

More stable & collaborate communities. Self sufficient.

ALL families would have what they need for them and their children to thrive

True sense of tribe

Reunifications

Children really WIN

No more surveillance

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I believe we would have to help them heal old wounds because you can't give what you don't have.

Understanding to heart of biological parents

Fair

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Successful plannings

No more surveillance

Clearer vision/sense of direction, autonomy

Everyone having a place and giving space to offer real help and supports

More families willing to help other families as a partnership

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28 Responses

Return of the village

WHY HASN'T THIS HAPPENED?

24 Responses

Fear of releasing the power

The system does exactly what is was designed to do...

Because the system is broken they will speak in problems but not want to fix them

People don't want to give up power. Plus stigma of CW.

People believe they will lose something

Fear of change

Because we have people making decisions based on their own opinion versus the real needs of our families

Burn out

FEAR

WHY HASN'T THIS HAPPENED?

24 Responses

Fear of losing power, funding, biases.

They believe if nothings broke don't fix it but they don't see what's truly happening

they are afraid we will tell the truth

Because the system is really not interested in giving up control. Because leaders are only interesting in solutions that don't require them to be impacted.

The reality that real egregious things happen that need to be addressed but that reality does not need to be addressed with such complexity

Agencies are not working together to provide support

There is often a fundamental lack of respect for parents or lack of recognition that children's best interests are completely entwined with their parents, their families

Fear

Lack of support

WHY HASN'T THIS HAPPENED?

24 Responses

Aren't ready to change

Ignorance

Lack of willingness

Racism

Because it takes a lot of room to turn around an ocean liner.

Because we keep trying to "fix" the current system and ensure that everyone wins rather than build something new that benefits families.

PLAY BOOK

- IDENTIFY YOUR TEAM CAPTAIN
- WHAT IS YOUR ONE SLAM DUNK IDEA
- DISCUSS YOUR INDIVIDUAL SHOT
- DECIDE ONE SLAM DUNK IDEA AS A TEAM
- GREATEST BARRIER TO TEAM'S IDEA
- COMPLETE PAPER AND SHOOT INTO MINTIMETER

WHATS YOUR WINNING BUZZER SHOT?

4 Responses

Authentically partner with parents and asking the right questions to create appropriate relationships and develop and grow as a collective

Developing the prevention space to out pace the formalized process

Provide resources to foster parents to

Work to keep children in their home to help them thrive. If not, have solid foster families that will work to help bio families succeed. Provide TBRI support & training for children & parents.

WHATS OUR #1 PLAY?



WHO WANTS TO BE ON OUR TEAM?

- Attend Monthly Meetings
- Participate in Bold Conversation
- Complete Activities to Support Goals
- Support the Change
- Email jenbehnam@gmail.com OR jarred.vermillion@heroes.team



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