



Tips, Tools, News & Fun!

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# SOC Wrap

## Two Heads (or More!) Are Better Than One

It's not unusual for children involved with our Department to have contact with staff from more than one division. In fact, according to the June 2007 Venn Report, nearly 10% of the kids we served were being helped by two or more divisions.

With this information in mind, it's important to remember a valuable, often under-utilized, resource within the Department: each other!

Within each service division are subject matter experts that all share one common goal—help children succeed. For families who receive services from more than one division,

it's important that all workers involved understand and respect each others thoughts and concerns. Remaining seamless within and across an organization is a valuable tool towards gaining the trust and respect of the children and families in your care.

Take advantage of the Department's Shadowing Program or invite staff from another division to attend a staff meeting. It will help you learn about your colleagues and the services and skills they can offer .



### Youth Talk: Trauma Therapy Program

**"At first I did not want to go. I didn't think I needed it. Then after I went a couple of times I realized that it helped express my feelings."**

**-Kyle, DFS Client**

### Spotlight: Well-Being Initiative

The Well-Being Initiative is an under-utilized service within the Department. Sponsored by CMH, this program provides treatment for children who have suffered from sexual or physical abuse, witnessed domestic or community violence, or witnessed a traumatic death. Two-thirds of children who enter the program meet the full diagnosis of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). The other third exhibit some symptoms of PTSD.

If you think there is a child who would benefit from the Well-Being Initiative program, it's important to act quickly. CMH performs in-home screenings with the permission of the legal guardian and caregiver. There are trained clinicians to do screening for children in foster care as well as in crisis situations. For more information, contact Chuck Webb at 302-633-2598.

## Riddle Time

**You can keep this only after giving it away to someone else.  
What is it?**

**Answer will be in the next issue!**

### March Cryptogram Answers:

ufbn - team

sftjefoujbm - residential

usbotjujpo - transition

dpnnvojuz - community

tztufn pg dbsf - system of care

