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**Local early intervention and prevention efforts
enhanced by training and technical assistance grant**

INDIANAPOLIS – As part of their strategic planning process, the Early Intervention Planning Council (EIPC), convened by the Marion County Commission on Youth (MCCOY), has been accepted into a technical assistance and training program through Georgetown University.

Through participation in the Multi-Collaboration Training and Technical Assistance Program (MSC-TTA), MCCOY and the EIPC will be able to move forward with updating the EIPC strategic plan with support from experts at Georgetown University's Center for Juvenile Justice Reform (CJJR) and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Center for Coordinated Assistance to States. These organizations have worked with many localities across the country to help youth-serving systems collaborate and coordinate in effective ways. The EIPC will use information from the program to develop tools to improve outcomes for youth in multiple systems of care and refine its strategies and outcomes for greater impact.

“This training and technical assistance support comes at a pivotal time for the Early Intervention Planning Council,” said Mitzi Wilson, MCCOY’s director of early intervention and prevention. “When we speak of cross-systems impact, we include all those organizations that work to support our youth and families – grassroots and community-based youth program providers, Department of Child Services, Juvenile Court, schools, mental health providers and faith-based institutions – aligning opportunities so that our youth can thrive as they grow into young adults. We are excited to have this hands-on opportunity to incorporate the most current research and best practices into our efforts and to share our learning with the youth service community.”

Participants representing Marion County include members of the Early Intervention Planning Council and other key stakeholders. The program, which is conducted through a series of webinars and conference calls, begins this week and will wrap up in July later this year.

“I am enthused about the potential I see here,” said Marilyn Pfisterer, co-chair of the EIPC. “The goal of the EIPC from the outset was to impact our children. This grant allows our programming to move forward with alacrity. The progress we can make with this program can produce progress here in Marion County and has the potential to be a template for other cities to mimic. I am proud of all the individuals who have contributed to the EIPC



currently and in the past who have brought us to this point. I look forward to seeing the results of their efforts as we benefit from the assistance gained with this program.”

Six sites in the United States have been chosen to participate in the Multi-Collaboration Training and Technical Assistance Program. Marion County joins the County of Los Angeles, California; the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and the City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii in this training. Also participating will be counties in Ohio and Oregon.

“Part of our goals with the MSC-TTA program are to assist this jurisdiction in improving communications between systems and developing partnerships between other child-serving organizations to better serve youth at risk,” said Shay Bilchik, founder and director of CJJR.

To learn more about MCCOY, visit www.mccooyouth.org. To learn more about the Multi-Collaboration Training and Technical Assistance Program, click [here](#).

About EIPC

The EIPC was established in 2005 by the City-County Council of Indianapolis-Marion County, as described in City-County Ordinance No. 70 (2005). Since 2005, the EIPC and its partners began studying the complex issues that contribute to child and family involvement with Marion County’s child welfare and juvenile justice systems. The EIPC oversees the work of the EIP Initiative. The Marion County Commission on Youth is the designated convener for the Early Intervention Planning Council.

About MCCOY

The Marion County Commission on Youth, Inc. (MCCOY) is the youth services intermediary for central Indiana whose mission is to champion the positive development of youth through leadership on key issues and support of the youth worker community. MCCOY’s vision is that every young person in central Indiana has opportunities to thrive, learn, engage and contribute.

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