ALPINE COUNTY

Collaborative Prevention Plan

Collaborative Agencies

Alpine County Health & Human Services, Live Violence Free, Bear Valley Parents Group, Alpine County Office of Education Early Learning Center

Philosophy for Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect

Children are free from child abuse and neglect by connecting families to confidential and trustworthy services and encouraging the community and families to develop social connections to become safe and self- sufficient

Collaborative Leadership Roles

- Provide comprehensive services, that are easy to access
- Strong and consistent support for families
- Provide services, education and opportunities

Obstacles

- Knowledge about community resources
- Connecting families to community resources
- Data collection in very small communities
- Concerns about confidentiality from clients
- Labeling of families
- Early Learning Center concerned that the survey asks "probing" questions that will lead to Mandated Reporter Child Abuse referrals

Strategies to overcome Obstacles

- Create community resource guide based on indicators
- Training on community services and how to perform a "warm hand-off"
- Each agency/interviewer to discuss confidentiality and need for data
- All families to participate at Early Learning Center
- Provide incentives to families who participate in evaluation program
- Discuss "probing" questions concerns with Jerry at next training session

Action Plan

- Create template for each agency to provide information of services by indicator
- Create a community resource guide based on indicators
- Meet to review community resource guide
- Train interviewers
- Purchase incentives
- Next training with Jerry in September
- Learn to use data base and enter data for first quarter
- Meet again in October to review process and implementation
- Additional meetings as needed