

IDT Systems Mapping Session: South Georgia Crisis Issue

On June 17, 2014, the Interagency Directors Team (IDT) spent a day with the Center of Excellence’s consulting partner, Pontifex Consulting, to apply a systemic approach to one of the state’s biggest challenges. Their goal: Understand how to better respond to the needs of “kids in crisis” – and specifically in rural GA, where the access to services is limited. During this session, the team developed a shared definition of “kids in crisis”; including what services can best meet needs of these children, their families, and their communities. In order to understand future needs concerning “kids in crisis” in rural GA – and especially any gaps in sufficient capacity – the team used a series of visual learning tools to propose and draw the trends they believed captured the issues. Based on these trend lines, the team then developed a visual map where they began to identify potential leverage points for addressing these gaps. The consultant will continue working with the IDT to improve this map over the next few weeks. A webinar is being scheduled with the group to go over the first draft of the map. In early July, the team will have a final map, and will use this map as the basis for strategic planning in coming year.

One of the exercises completed by IDT in order to inform the crisis systems map:

EXERCISE 5: Identify high leverage interventions

