

Stark County, Ohio - Childhood Resiliency Project

Location and type (city and state, rural or urban):

Canton, Ohio – serves Stark County Ohio, rural and urban

Type of agency (i.e. counseling center, county mental health, state agency):

Our program operates under the Stark County Community Mental Health Board, a local unit of government.

Size of staff and types of background (total):

Director, under Stark County Community Mental Health Board

6 Resiliency Coaches (early childhood mental health consultants) contracted through local mental health agencies

Number of staff and type of background using IY programs:

7 staff using IY programs

1 Ph.D. Psychologist, 6 Resiliency Coaches (early childhood mental health consultants Bachelor's & Master's degrees)

1 certified IY Parent Group Leader, 1 Certified IY Parent Group Mentor, several leaders in certification process

IY programs delivering (parent, child, teacher): Parent, Child & Teacher

Treatment or Prevention? Prevention

How many group leaders for each? Two

When did you start? Fall, 2003

Type of population served, and in what setting? (Head Start? Preschool? Etc):

Community Groups provided through early childhood programs, including Head Start, preschools and childcare programs. Many groups are provided in collaboration with community organizations including churches and mental health agencies. Court-referred or mandated participants are included as space allows in community groups. Foster parents currently participate in existing groups, we are in discussions to create separate foster parent groups.

Summary of information useful to other sites:

Our program offers an IY Consultation Group monthly to individuals providing IY groups. IY Parent Mentor provides training and consultation throughout Ohio.

Whom to contact with questions? Email and/or phone?

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