

SAC Retreat 2015 Outcomes Survey

My role at this retreat is as:

- 3 SAC
6 RAC
8 DCF
1 Both RAC/SAC

This retreat was overall helpful to me in my role with RAC, SAC, or DCF:

- 1 Strongly Disagree
0 Disagree
7 Agree
10 Strongly Agree

I found the break-out group times to be productive:

- 1 Strongly Disagree
0 Disagree
7 Agree
9 Strongly Agree

The panel discussions were meaningful to me:

- 0 Strongly Disagree
0 Disagree
10 Agree
9 Strongly Agree

I have a better understanding of the intended SAC/RAC/DCF communication flow:

- 0 Strongly Disagree
0 Disagree
7 Agree
10 Strongly Agree

I feel more comfortable using the new SAC/RAC/DCF communication tool:

- 0 Strongly Disagree
0 Disagree
7 Agree
9 Strongly Agree

3 no comment

The most helpful part of this retreat was:

- Information sharing
- Panel and meeting with the regional team
- Purposeful discussion - action oriented
- This is my first intro to RAC/SAC so was informational.
- Panel info on mental health initiative, parole information, FE LT and Hart.
- Discussion & statewide presentation on goals & next steps
- Break-out
- The fatherhood and the adolescent / human trafficking presentations.
- Plan for the new year with tangible goals.
- Meeting members of my RAC (I am on SAAC but not RAC)
- Learning the "alphabet soup"

-Regional break out and learning from other regions.
-Learning that a lot of changes are already in the process, looking at the families as a whole-the importance of on-going unity of the family with a young sibling, is ongoing; For DCF to stop judging a person based only on their past going back specially over 25 years ago-not seeing change in ones life, not knowing and not concerned with what may have happened in their life. Generational causes, pains but they fought and changed. We are still judged and looked upon as unfit to be a part, of say, grandchildren that may in many cases been cared for up til a point of disaster in a family that DCF walked away from 3 times knowing the outcome that was inevitable. DCF clearly knew drug addiction players, the role of all disaster that ultimately came about. I saw this in numerous cases....
Practice of preventive measures. Helping children/families that are not in DCF care yet, may have been if not for early reaching out. Saving of a lot would come out of this process. Reaching out!

The least helpful part of this retreat was:

-It was over-facilitated.

-Ad-HOC Committees, more action in the community, caring for the dchild yes, but see into the family, heart to heart. Hear the parental pain & struggles possibly most will reveal childhood abuse, sexual abuse, abandonment. (But have heart) just do not know compassion/empathy as a whole.

-Successfulness of all shared today.

To focus awareness of childhood molestation (it is huge!). A child in fear of sharing it, of threat in existance, many behaviors come about. Trust must be one or life is not ever living, but mere existance. Silences tears! A life sentence is all one knows.

-Speakers in schools maybe.

I would like to share the following ideas/suggestions for a retreat next year:

-Progress on aligning the various groups and info sharing improvements.

-Presentations were too long- specially beginning. Limit time so panelists have equal time.

-How do we fill the non-RAC slots on SAC?!

-Communication-who is the HUB?

-Larger space