



Goal 3: At least 90% of families who have received Family Services funds will not have a child go through Juvenile Intake within 6 months after their case is closed. In order to monitor this goal, we looked at families we served with Family Services funds from July through December, 2012. We served 141 families in that time period. Out of that number, 5 families had a child come through Juvenile Intake within six months after their case was closed, leaving 136 families whose children had no Juvenile Intake contact in the subsequent six month period (136/141=96%). We are on target to meet this goal for 2013.

3. How have you impacted the citizens of Lawrence?

We believe that we have reduced the risk of involvement with the court system for the children and families we have served with these funds.

4. What barriers, if any, have you encountered?

We have had two barriers this year, the first being that we limit the amount of money spent per family in a year to \$200, as these funds are designed to meet an emergency need and/or be a bridge to other sources of on-going support through state and federal services. We have to deny some families because their need is often significantly beyond the limits we have set, and we don't believe that what we can provide will be sufficient to address their problem. In those cases, we refer the families to the agencies that are designed to meet their on-going needs. We can only hope that their needs are met.

The second barrier occurs because we have set a limitation that a family can be helped up to that \$200 amount only once a year. We have set that limitation because we want to serve as many families as we can, and we want families to see us as a resource for emergency needs rather than relying on us to regularly help with their financial situation. It is possible, however, for families to have more than one true emergency in a year, and the limitation we have set prevents us from helping in situations that would be appropriate if we had not already helped a family earlier in the year. Again, we refer those families to other agencies, with the hope that they can be helped elsewhere.

5. Review the line-item budget you provided in your application. How much of your allocation has been spent?

As of June 30, 2013, we had spent \$13,570.61. We anticipate that we will spend our full allocation by the end of 2013.