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1. Increase staff retention/reduce staff turnover

Objectives	Gaps	Action Steps	Target Date	Completion Date
Determine priorities/plan to increase staff pay &	-State funding crisis -Minimum wage increase	Evaluate costs and priorities to increase HS Bachelor Degree education supplement	Winter 2022	
benefits	-Sequestration/funding reduction	Evaluate costs yearly to increase all staff (%).	Winter annually	
	-Change in administration./government -Not enough money to	Evaluate cost and make a priority to give staff additional money for longevity with additional funds if available	Winter annually	
	fund priorities -Hard to compete with	Evaluate costs to work towards a 5% match for 401k.	Winter annually	
	other employers (benefits/wages)	Evaluate costs to work towards PACT paying all of employee portion of health insurance.	Winter annually	
		Evaluate costs to roll all leave into a PTO status (annual, vacation, sick)	Winter 2022	
		Determine PACT staff interest in obtaining vision/dental insurance.	Spring 2019	
		Evaluate costs to provide dental or vision benefits under current health plan.	Spring 2019	
	Spell out employee options for AFLAC in benefit explanation (what is covered, cost, etc.)	Winter 2019	February 2019	
		Review exit interview results to look for trends, possible changes	Summer 2019	October 2018
		Investigate a deferred compensation plan for maternity/family leave and develop a plan, if possible. (AFLAC)	Winter 2019	Winter 2019
		Create staff satisfaction survey and a plan to implement	Winter 2019	January 2019

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Objectives	Gaps	Action Steps	Target Date	Completion Date
Implement plan for parents to become	-Lack of funds -Other places of	Develop a step by step plan (with costs) for CDA, etc.	Spring 2020	
qualified as PACT employees	employment may have better pay for equal or less	Explore what other programs have done (TCOC)	Spring 2020	In Process
	education	Recruit interested participants	Fall 2021	
Determine needed changes to plan for	-Other employers pay more for equal or less education	Identify barriers that prevent staff from increasing education levels.	Summer 2019	
tuition assistance in return for work	-Not enough money to fund priorities	Develop any additional needed action steps based on identified barriers.	Summer 2019	
commitment		Explore grant/funding opportunities	Winter 2019	
		Determine how to tie tuition assistance to commitment for work	Fall 2020	
Continue to enhance and promote the practice	-Staff don't understand the benefit/ feel it may be more	Explore professional development pyramid presented by Verlinda	Summer 2019	
based coaching process	work -Still a new process and needs details worked out.	Evaluate effectiveness of coaching for the 17/18 program year. Determine if additional coaches or resources are needed.	Summer 2019	Fall 2019
		Develop a plan/process for all staff professional development	Summer 2021	

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Staff Retention, continued-Teamwork

Objectives	Gaps	Action Steps	Target Date	Completion Date
Increase engagement of parents in long term	areas.	Revise/update family outcomes	Spring 2021	
goal plans	 Staff may lack skills to promote family engagement # of families interested in 	Brainstorm methods to increase engagement	Fall 2021	
	engagement often fall off throughout the year.	Train FA's, HBT and others (?)	Fall 2022	
Increase training opportunities for parents in leadership	 Family engagement is low in most areas. Working parents often don't have 	Evaluate parent leadership opportunities (Parents in Action, Parent Ambassador, policy Council)	Spring 2020	
skills	much time to volunteer	Share opportunities with families.	Fall 2020	
Increase social media parent notification of	 Staff may lack the technology skills necessary Staff may be reluctant to use new social media. May be extra work for someone 	Explore social media/other options for delivery	Spring 2022	
activities/reminders/ motivational tips		Assign a person to be responsible	Summer 2023	
		Determine content/outline	Winter 2022	
based coaching dur bas - st	 The long term staff have worked during the periods of compliance based practices stress levels of managers and staff are high. 	Explore trainings/tools to introduce to managers	Summer 2020	
		Determine needs of managers for training	Winter 2020	
Implement plan for publicity for staff accomplishments	-No one is currently responsible for this -staff sometimes feel no one notices the good they do, only the negative	Create a process for publicity announcements and assign person responsible	Spring 2019	October 2019

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2. Increase and maintain CLASS scores in Head Start classrooms

Objectives	Gaps	Action Steps	Target Date	Completion Date
Determine how to identify problem areas	-Federal review results do not match coordinator/STG scores for same classrooms -Teachers already receive so	Review current and past years CLASS data	Spring 2019	
	much training, guidance, things to work on-may get overwhelming to add more on them.	Evaluate data to identify problem areas.	Spring 2019	
Use consultants and T/TA resources to provide training in the areas of Instructional Support domain and Regard for Student Perspectives dimension.	-May cost additional money -Hard for teachers to find time for additional professional development -Every teacher has a different set of skills	Develop a plan	Summer 2019	IN Progress
Add a second CLASS reviewer to the agency	-PACT team already have a heavy workload -CLASS reviewer requires a specific set of skills	Discuss CLASS with staff to see if anyone would be interested. Train the person in CLASS	- Spring 2019	Fall 2020
Review and analyze CLASS data in different formats and share with stakeholders (compare with staff education, staff experience, child outcomes, etc.)	-Already look at a lot of data that can be overwhelming	Decide what data needs to be gathered Assign person responsible and timelines	- Spring 2020	

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3. Increase access to mental health services for children, families and staff.

Objectives	Gaps	Action Steps	Target Date	Completion Date
Continue to increase the access to the needed mental	-Multi stressed families, children and staff	Provide training for staff on MH wellness (stigma)	Summer 2019	2/25/19
health services for children, families and staff	-Very low # of families with MH referrals	Determine the needed services, cost for these services and staff awareness of the availability of these services.	Summer 2019	2/25/19
		Explore how other agencies (comparable to ours) implement MH	Summer 2019	2/25/19
Consistently utilize established plans for addressing challenging	-High staff turnover -Consistency of how things are done	Outline a procedure for 1 on 1 aide training.	N/A	June 2018, 2/25/19
behavior in classrooms.		Retrain staff on PBS procedures (establish a continuous training cycle)	N/A	June 2018 then annually
Research social emotional curriculum/frameworks (CSEFEL/Conscious	-Many curriculum available -Can be overwhelming for staff, don't know which initiative to	Research curriculum/frameworks and discuss pros and cons of using	Winter 2019	5/14/19
Discipline/trauma informed practices, etc.)	focus on	Provide trauma training to staff (Paper Tigers)		September 2018 October 2018 January 2019 2/25/19
		Plan for consistent training/monitoring of chosen method	Winter 2019	Ongoing; have questions.
Review the current process for Mental Health Consultation to consider revision or changes	-Turnover of MH Consultants -Use different consultants that may have different ways of doing things.	Strengthen the MH Consultation/Referral process	Winter 2019	In process, 2/15/19

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4. Raise the awareness of staff and families around the importance of healthy and safe choices for children (i.e. active lifestyles, nutritious food choices, etc.)

Objectives	Gaps	Action Steps	Target Date	Completion Date
Increase the use of Health curriculum (IMIL, Go Slow	-Too many initiatives, staff don't know what to focus on	Refresher training for management.	Fall 2019	9-20-19
Whoa, etc) in EHS and HS	-Staff Turnover	Plan continuing trainings for staff	Fall 2019	9-20-19
classrooms.	-Most gross motor activities are unstructured, teachers not planning structured activities	Provide additional resources	Fall 2019	9-20-19
Add health/BMI awareness	-Parenting classes still a new	Develop content	This objective has been removed because the curriculum cannot be altered	
to the topics of parenting classes	process	Share with trainer to add to elasses		
Staff training related to strategies for sharing	-Staff struggle sharing difficult information with families	Training for staff on effects of obesity	Fall 2020	
information on BMI and good nutrition.		Training for staff on difficult conversations	Fall 2020 Feb. 2021 Preservice 2021	January 2020,

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5. Increase the number of pregnant women applications to program.

Objectives	Gaps	Action Steps	Target Date	Completion Date
Design recruitment strategies that focus on pregnant women	-Have focused on pregnant teens in past, need to focus on all pregnant women.	Decide on a target number of pregnant women applications to reach each year	October 2018	10/1/18
	-Community assessment has data that pregnant unmarried women rates are higher than	Implement plan to partner with school districts to provide services	August 2020	9/2019
	pregnant married women in Schuyler, McDonough, Adams and Cass counties.	Ensure materials are relevant to client (teen mom, family of teen mom, etc.)	January 2019	2/1/19
		Review the possibility of increasing the number of points for pregnant women in the selection criteria.	December 2018	12/16/18 2/1/19
Implement public relations and marketing plans to reach	-only agencies we get pregnant women referrals from is Pike	Review marketing plan from previous strategic plan	November 2018	
out to pregnant women or their providers of service	Health Dept.	Create a written plan for implementation of marketing to follow each year	January 2020	
Train the staff to understand how recruit and serve pregnant women	-all staff do not understand how this service works	-Train all staff on recruiting pregnant women and the services offered.	March 2019	2/15/19 3/21/19

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6. Create and implement facility/playground improvement plan

Objectives	Gaps	Action Steps	Target Date	Completion Date
Assess each facility and create a prioritized improvement plan	 -Space is limited in most centers. -Inadequate meeting rooms. - Some centers have become run down 	Assess each playground by age of children using it, age of equipment, and condition of equipment.	Beginning with Carthage, February 2020	
	 Some equipment may pose safety concerns Carthage playground (3-5) not 	Prioritize improvement/replacement.	March 2020	
	being used. Carthage EHS playground is a long walk from center.	Continue to enhance playgrounds with natural features and plan for upkeep/maintenance		
		Inform EHS (2/3) to use older spaces for transitioning children.	PreService 2019	
Create an agency-wide priority plan	 will need additional funds Early Childhood landscape (state funding, federal funding) is changing 	Review facilities for needed upgrades, repairs, additions	Annually	
		Review the leases to get a bigger picture of obligations		
	Look towards the future for any possible changes (options for expansion, duration changes, conversion, etc.)			
Continue to enhance outdoor spaces to make them inviting	-Funding -Staff not using playground	Create a "model" EHS and HS playground	Spring 2023	
for children and staff (natural	consistently	Create a priority list for upgrades		
playgrounds).	-Upkeep and repairs	Have staff share their innovative ideas, practices.		

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7. Update & Implement Technology/Going Green Plan

Objectives	Gaps	Action Steps	Target Date	Completion Date
Fully implement ChildPlus	- Processes & services for families are documented in several different systems.	Explore our current monitoring methods and whether it could be in ChildPlus		
	 Documentation is cumbersome and complicated with paper Reluctance to Change Tool 	Look at the data we run for outcomes, and whether it can be worded to match how it is run from ChildPlus.		
	or Method of Documentation - May bog down staff with additional data entry	Explore ChildPlus admin. training for key users	Summer 2019	
	- Some staff lack the technology skills needed	Explore how other programs (comparable to us) are using ChildPlus		
		Train Staff		
Implement technology plan	Some staff lack the technology skills needed	Review old going green plan and create new technology plan	Fall 2017 Fall 2019	Fall 2017
	May cost additional money	Train staff		In Process
		Network server/e-mail security & work email addresses updated Classroom cameras. bus cameras		2018-19 Spring 2017 2018-19 In Process
Track children through public school and use to	-Not all schools are using this system	Attend mtgs. for SIS systems	July 2017	July 2017
inform our work (SIS)	-May add duties to an already burdened staff	Determine how SIS works with our agency and with our school districts	Summer 2020 Timeline dependent on ISBE & IHSA.	

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-ROE must fully develop the system before it can be implemented	Train Staff	Timeline dependent on ISBE & IHSA.	
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