

FY09 Annual Report

Muscatine Decategorization Program

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1) Summarize the project’s key activities during the pervious fiscal year:

Muscatine County Decategorization Project intention for fiscal year 2009 was to stay true to the mission of Decategorization, helping youth and families by enhancing the infrastructure to include services that are strengths based and diversity focused that meet the diverse needs of the community. Various methods were used to in order to gain a broad perspective on the needs of youth and families in Muscatine County. The following table illustrates the sources and participants of the various methods of data collection.

TABLE 1

Community Planning Sources	Participants
Review of Muscatine Empowerment Re-designation Plan and Annual Plan	Muscatine Decategorization Board Members
Protect Child Abuse Iowa data on child abuse rates	Decategorization Staff and Muscatine County Decategorization Board Members
Juvenile Delinquency Annual Statistical Report	Decategorization Staff and Muscatine County Decategorization Board Members
DHS Annual Report	Decategorization Staff and Muscatine County Decategorization Board Members

2) Describe the project’s progress in reaching the desired outcomes of their project plan during the previous state fiscal year:

Fiscal year 2009 was a productive period for Muscatine County Decategorization. The Muscatine County Decat Board members engaged in community planning exercises to ensure their financial investment into community programming would meet the needs of children and families who were most at risk. All new programs funded in FY09 had projected outcomes to keep youth out of the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, improving family functioning, and improving the educational wellbeing of children. These outcomes were closely monitored by the Decategorization Coordinator and were reported to the Muscatine County Decat Board. During Decat Board meetings the members reviewed the outcomes and gave input on modifications and recommendations to contract holders.

3) Describe any planning adjustments and lessons learned during the fiscal year:

Muscatine County was awarded a grant through the Annie Casey Foundation. The grant involves DHS and JCS to participate in a Breakthrough Series Collaborative. No money is attached to the grant but recipients will receive technical assistance, this will be an 18 month project. The core team members consist of Korie Shippee, Jennifer

Blake, Kent Ferris, Scott Stablein, Kylah Rasche, JoAnn Bartenhagen, and Alicia Goreham. Judge Gary Strausser and Denise Gonzales are Senior Leaders. Members traveled to California and Illinois for two conferences with the other grant recipients.

The Casey team put together a green folder that included a calendar, phone numbers, court documents, case plans, resource guide, and etc that way the client can bring that to each meeting and additional information can be added to the folder.

4) Muscatine County Decat Funded Programs

Project 1) Family Advocacy Program, DCAT-06-037, Lutheran Services in Iowa

Description:

The program provides outreach, mental health treatment, crisis intervention and advocacy for children who have been diagnosed with a mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder of sufficient duration to meet diagnostic criteria specified in the DSM-IV.

Key Activities:

The Performance Measures for this service are:

- To reduce/prevent psychiatric hospitalizations or institutionalizations for 50% of the participants.
- To divert 75% of participating children/adolescents from the child welfare system or foster care.

Progress in reaching desired outcomes:

The contracted service has met area expectations.

- 100% of participants were not involved in the child welfare system during each quarter.
- Each participant was linked with 4-6 community resources.
- 100% of cases used interdisciplinary team staffing to improve communication and coordination

Planning adjustments and lessons learned:

This contract terminated on June 30, 2009 due to having utilized all the extensions possible for the contract.

Expenditures:

FY09 \$122,970

Project 2) Summer Community Services, DCAT8-08-299, Lutheran Services in Iowa

Description:

Provide Summer Community Services for youth ages 12-17 who reside in Muscatine County who have been court-ordered to provide community service as a consequence for problem behavior and to monitor progress toward identified outcomes.

Key Activities:

The Performance Measures for this service are:

- 75% of youth will complete their community service hours
- 50% of youth will avoid new delinquency charges for a period of six months after completion of their community service hours

Progress in reaching desired outcomes:

- 70% of youth completed their community service hours
- N/A – a period of six months had not yet passed

Planning adjustments and lessons learned:

The Muscatine Decategorization Board made the decision on March 12, 2009 to reduce this contract by \$5,000 based on spending trends and timing on the contract. It was renewed for FY10.

Expenditures:

FY09 \$15,000

Project 3) Muscatine After School Program, DCAT8-09-181, Muscatine Community School District

Description:

Program provides summer programs to students who reside in Muscatine Community School District who experience one or more of the following: qualify for free or reduced lunch, academic challenges, behavior issues, social deficits, or attend a Title 1 school.

Key Activities:

The Performance Measures for this service are:

- 90% of children participating in the after school program will not be involved in the child welfare or juvenile justice system.
- 60% of students participating in all programs will show improved academic performance at the completion of the program
- 100% of students will receive academic and recreational activities during each day the program is open.
- 100% of students will receive age appropriate character or skill building activity two times per week.

Progress in reaching desired outcomes:

- 46% of students showed improvement in academic performance
- 58% of students had improved attendance rates

- 100% of students received academic and recreational activities during each day the program was opened.
- 100% of students received age appropriate character or skill building activities twice a week.

Planning adjustments and lessons learned:

This was a non-renewable contract.

Expenditures:

FY09 \$51,450

Project 4) Victim Restitution, DCAT8-09-184, 7th Judicial Branch of the State of Iowa

Description:

The Judicial Branch will act as the employer of record and perform the payroll functions for the juveniles enrolled in the Seventh Judicial District Juvenile Court Services Victim Restitution Program.

Key Activities:

The State Court Administrator will perform all payroll functions within the time required by law and submit monthly payment vouchers and supporting documents.

The Judicial Branch acted as the employer of record and performed the payroll functions for the juveniles enrolled in the Seventh Judicial District Juvenile Court Services Victim Restitution Program.

Progress in reaching desired outcomes:

The desired outcomes of this program were met as the Judicial Branch met the obligation to act as the employer of record and perform payroll functions for the juvenile enrolled in the Restitution Program.

Planning adjustments and lessons learned:

There were no adjustments made to this contract.

Expenditures:

FY09 \$3,000

Project 5) West Liberty After School Program, DCAT8-09-188, West Liberty Community School District

Description:

Purpose of the contract is to provide after school and summer programs to students who reside in the West Liberty School District who experience one or more of the following: qualify for free or reduced lunch, academic challenges, behavior issues, social deficits, or attend a Title 1 school.

Key Activities:

The Performance Measures for this service are:

- 90% of children participating in the after school program will not be involved in the child welfare or juvenile justice system.
- 60% of students participating in all programs will show improved academic performance at the completing of the program
- 60% of students will have improved attendance rates at the completion of the program
- 100% of the students will receive academic and recreational activities during each day the program is opened.
- 100% of the students will receive age appropriate character or skill building activity two times per week.

Progress in reaching desired outcomes:

- 60% of students showed improvement in academic performance
- 60% of students showed improvement in attendance rates
- 100% of the students received academic and recreational activities during each day the program was opened
- 100% of the students received age appropriate character or skill building activity twice a week

Planning adjustments and lessons learned:

This contract was not renewed.

Expenditures:

FY09 \$24,000

Project 6) Attachment Disorder Training, DCAT8-09-164, Bruce Buchanan**Description:**

Purpose of the contract is to provide training for staff development on attachment disorder.

Key Activities:

The Performance Measures for this service are:

- 90% of the participants will give a ranking of “good” or “excellent” for the overall evaluation of the training.
- The training will be on time for the training session

Progress in reaching desired outcomes:

- Performance measures were met for this contract.

Planning adjustments and lessons learned:

This was a non-renewable contract.

Expenditures:

FY09 \$2,000

Project 7) Decat Coordination, DCAT-07-029, Scott County Kids**Description:**

The purpose of this contract is for Scott County Kids to provide Decat Coordination and Support Services for the Muscatine County Decat Project.

Key Activities:

The Performance Measures for this service are:

- Contract management including development, competitive selection process, conduct site visits, monitoring and reviewing performance
- Planning and facilitation of meetings
- Organization and preparation of agendas, notices and minutes
- Research of program and policy issues
- Representation of Decategorization in the community
- Prepare written and oral reports
- 100% of board meetings conducted by Decategorization staff shall be conducted by the State of Iowa open meeting laws.
- 100% of contracts will be implemented according to DHS contracting guidelines as they are published at the time the contract is written
- 95% of bills will be submitted to Bi-State Regional Commission within 5 business days upon receipt by Scott County Decategorization unless there is an error on the bill that the Decategorization Coordinator is resolving prior to submission to Bi-State Regional Commission

Progress in reaching desired outcomes:

- Performance measures were met for contract.

Planning adjustments and lessons learned:

There were no adjustments made to this contract.

Expenditures:

FY09 \$26,750