

Child Protection Strategy Work Group Executive Summary

In partnership – MACSSA and DHS developed an implementation framework for the 93 recommendations from the Governor’s taskforce for the protection of children.

MACSSA PARTICIPATION

- Aitkin County
- Blue Earth County
- Dakota County
- Grant County
- Hennepin County
- Olmsted County
- Ramsey County
- Scott County
- Stearns County
- Rice County
- Washington County
- MACSSA Director

KEYS TO SUCCESS

- Partnership
- Neutral leadership

DHS PARTICIPATION

- DHS Child Safety and Permanency
- DHS County Relations
- DHS Research and Evaluation
- DHS Quality Assurance
- DHS Training

VISION

Children Safe, Family Strong

MISSION

Children are positioned within their cultural foundation and their families to achieve their fullest potential.

Children:

- Are Safe
- Have their basic needs met
- Have a sense of belonging
- Feel valued

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The MACSSA and DHS work group discussed implementation needs and concerns and created two broad categories for the different number of recommendations:

RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE IMPLEMENTED NOW:	
Number of recommendations that are completed	13
Number of recommendations that are being addressed by the current work groups <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intake, Screening & Response Path 2. Professional Development 3. Child Mortality/Near Fatality 4. Legislative taskforce 	14
Number of recommendations that we support to move forward as currently written	25
Number of recommendations to re-strategize	30

RECOMMENDATIONS THAT NEED FURTHER ANALYSIS:	
Number of recommendations for which the benefits to the system are minimal or have a low benefit to cost ratio. These recommendations have one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do not directly impact child and family safety ○ Have a low benefit to cost ratio ○ Would take resources in the system away from serving the children and families on the higher priority recommendations that have positive impacts on the children and families 	5
Number of recommendations with potential unintended consequences that may adversely impact children and families. These recommendations have one or more of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unintended consequences that impact the safety of the child, 2. A potential to exacerbate disparities within the system, create potential harm to the child, family and/or system, are counter to best practices and research in the practice of child protection, may violate federal law 3. May violate federal law 	6