

## Family Preservation Results 2010

Through its Family Preservation Action Team, since 2006 the Children and Families Commission:

- **Reduced by 24%** the number of children in foster care
- **Increased by 7.7%** the number of children placed with relatives
- **Reduced by 26%** the number of children entering foster care



## Goals & Progress

**Uniting & Preserving** - The Marion County Children and Families Commission convenes the Family Preservation Action Team, which works collaboratively to address the needs of and provide support to at-risk families. The team is safely reducing the numbers of children entering foster care and supporting youth transitioning out of care to prevent them from becoming homeless.

The Commission's dynamic Family Preservation Plan addresses our community's needs and opportunities. Marion County has achieved marked improvement on its goals and will continue to partner to reduce the need for foster care.

### Preserving Families:



In July 2010, the Children and Families Commission's Family Preservation Action Team and Great Beginnings Consortium joined forces to address needs of young children in foster care.

The Healthy Attachment project focuses on increasing secure attachments among young children and their primary caregivers. The project is identifying 30 foster families to receive specialized training and support beginning in February.

Key organizations were trained to use the Circle of Security parenting curriculum in October 2010.

Research tells us we are on the right track.



### Partnerships:



Our county is fortunate to have many partners that are committed to improving the lives of struggling children, youth and families. The following organizations have been critical in helping to improve foster care outcomes:

- Family Preservation Action Team
- Department of Human Services
- Fostering Hope Partnership
- Youth Transitioning Out Work Group
- Safe Families Program
- Catholic Community Services
- Local churches
- Casey Families Programs