Does My Youth Have, Want, or Need Permanency?
Who we are?

Angela Wilson  
Program Director

Tracy Cook  
YCPRT Coach
Implementing Counties

- Athens County
- Butler County
- Clark County
- Clermont County
- Fairfield County
- Montgomery County
- Stark County
- Trumbull County
- Warren County
What are PRT’s?

Permanency Roundtables are professional case consultations that provide support to the caseworker while taking a comprehensive look at the child’s situation and seeking to bust barriers in order to attain legal permanency and increase connections for the child.
Difference between PRT and YCPRT

PURPOSE OF BOTH

• building networks
• importance of relational & legal permanency
• expediting by focusing
What do YCPRT’s look like?
YCPRT Team Members

**Facilitator**
Keep process on track. Facilitate communication and cooperation among participants.

**Master Practitioner**
Provide internal consultation, chosen for expertise, from another location.

**External Permanency Consultant**
Provide external consultation from another organization or agency.

**Scribe**
Record process on the Permanency Roundtable Guide and Action Plan form.

**Caseworker**
Both provide a summary of the case, supplemental information, and respond to questions.

**Supervisor**

**Youth**
Provide expert consultation on best course of action for *their* Permanency Plan.

**Support(s)**
Provide support, encouragement, and ideas to youth.
YCPRT Goals

- Expedite legal Permanency for the child
- Stimulate thinking and learning about new ways to accelerate Permanency
- Identify and address systemic barriers to timely Permanency
Relational Permanency

Definition

Legal Permanency
Parenting

Belonging

Unconditional Commitment (by the adult)

Status (legal & social)

Life-Long Intent
Permanency is Not:

- PPLA
- “Aging Out”
- Adult connections that do not include all 5 relational permanency components
Values

URGENCY • TEAMING • OUTCOME • OPTIMISM
Ohio-Specific

SUCCESS STORIES
YCPRT Facilitator’s Role

- Guide the Process
- Strike a Balance
- Engage Staff
- Resolve Conflict
- Build Agreement
Supporting Staff Engagement

3-Pronged Approach

1. Join
2. Inquire
3. Inform
COMPASSIONATE INQUIRY

JOIN

Sincerely recognize commitment, expertise, work, emotions, and mutual perspectives. Agree with whatever parts of statements you genuinely can.

INQUIRE

In a spirit of curiosity, ask questions to further explore values, beliefs, and attitudes that could be barriers to a youth’s permanency.

INFORM

Provide or elicit relevant information or a different perspective on staff’s values, beliefs, and attitudes that could be barriers to the youth’s permanency.

A Strategy to Enhance the Efficacy of Roundtables
Other Strategies

- OARS
- Role of Trauma
- Stages of Change
- Adolescent Development
Training And Tools

VISION:
Tools and Trainings that are current, relevant, and supportive resources that assist in propelling permanency work forward.
Communication

VISION:
A brand that speaks to the value and importance of youth-led permanency work
Ohio YCPRT Fidelity Measures

- PRT and YCPRT meetings will be held every 3 months (90 days).
- All qualified youth (12 years old and 12 months in care with circumstances of discretion) will be eligible.
- Youth eligible for YCPRTs will be prepared prior to the meeting.
- All designated roles will be filled for every meeting and there will be no dual roles.
  - Scribe
  - Facilitator
  - Master Practitioner
  - External Permanency Consultant
  - Worker
  - Supervisor
  - Youth (YCPRT)
  - Supports (YCPRT)
- Youth will be in attendance at all YCPRTs.
- Support persons will be in attendance at all YCPRTs.
- The youth’s network size and strength will be tracked.
- The youth’s Permanency Rating will be tracked.
Expansion and Next Steps

- Looking for Counties
- Spread the word
- Exploration Sessions