
Oshkosh Collaboration Work Group

The Oshkosh *Collaboration Work Group* started in 1993 as the result of a Collaboration seminar led by Martin J. Blank. The group drafted a vision statement, mission statement, and outlined guiding principles. These were:

VISION: A community working together where respect, safety, and support are a way of life.

MISSION: To develop a collaborative system to meet the needs of people in Winnebago County in a timely and effective manner. Individuals are respected and resources are shared in order to assure positive outcomes for families.

The Oshkosh Collaboration Work Group meets monthly on the fourth Monday of each month, from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. at the JP Coughlin Center, 625 E. County Road Y, Oshkosh. At each meeting there is an opportunity for participants to briefly announce upcoming programs or events or to ask other participants for help with specific projects. The meeting also includes a program/formal presentation(s) related to issues of general interest or concern that have been identified by the group or professional development on a topic related to the group's work.

The Collaboration Work Group has been instrumental in:

- Building trust between agencies – networking opportunities
- Supporting agencies to become more consumer/client focused
- Addressing duplication of services and attempting to streamline services
- Sharing information and plans
- Developing joint funding requests
- Developing committees to:
 - Address housing/rent concerns
 - Examine living conditions at Logan Drive
 - Improve services to reduce violence/abuse
 - Coordinate and improve the services of food pantries
 - Consolidate and expand services of our financial counseling agencies
 - Initiate an early childhood collaboration

Our ongoing goals are to share pertinent information and build trust, which result in working together to change the human services delivery system when needed to more effectively serve the people of Oshkosh and Winnebago County.

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