

CIACC subcommittees are smaller workgroups that focus on action:

The **Warren County Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) subcommittee** was formed in July of 2019 with guidance from the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities. Since that time, the committee has invited families and caregivers, along with local providers of services to youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities, to join us. Through partnerships, it has been able to provide an Informational Resource Fair focusing on summer camps in 2020; a virtual open forum, “How Do I Support My Child with Special Needs” in 2021; and more recently, created an [Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities Resource Manual](#) for the Warren County area. The goal is to provide resources, supports, and services to families so they can achieve optimum functioning and stability in their home, school, and community. All families, parents, and caregivers are welcomed to attend meetings to express their needs and concerns.

The **Warren County Educational Partnership subcommittee** was formed shortly before the pandemic began. The Ed Partnership is an alliance between local school districts and local agencies that serve youth and families. The Ed Partnership agencies consist of: Mobile Response and Stabilization Services; the Family Crisis Intervention Unit and designated Screening Service; Tri County Care Management Organization; Family Support Organization of Warren County; the Division of Child Protection and Permanency; and the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program. The presentations help systems understand how everyone fits together in the local system of care to support youth and families.

A digital sheet specifically meant for school websites, a Desk Reference Guide, and a PowerPoint presentation full of information on the Ed Partnership agencies have been created by the partnership. They have been emailed to all Warren County school administrative staff offering free presentations which have since been presented to five schools and one agency. All educators and school personnel are invited to join the committee!

The **Partnership for Success (PFS) grant**, through the Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, has created a partnership with the Regional Coalition to prevent alcohol and drug use among youth. The PFS workgroup has targeted their focus on preventing underage alcohol use. The workgroup is in the final stage of preparing a logic model that will be shared with CIACC for their approval soon.

The latest project is the **NJ Promise 2.0 Youth and Family Voice Initiative**, meant to elevate and amplify youth and family voice through increased participation in CIACC and/or subcommittees. Youth and family engagement will bring valued, first-hand experience into the CIACC. Stay tuned!

The Children’s Inter Agency Coordinating Council depends on family, community, and professional participation to serve and support residents. Contact Pat Testa 908-475-6336 or email [ptesta@co.warren.nj.us](mailto:ptesta@co.warren.nj.us) to join today!