

What to discuss to establish or revive your CRCG

Have the group discuss the needs of your community and consider how a CRCG can help address those needs. If the group decides to create a CRCG, use some of the following questions to set guidelines and expectations. Additional planning meetings may need to be scheduled to discuss these items.

- What age groups will we serve? CRCGs serve different age groups based on the needs of their community. The majority of CRCGs serve all ages. Some things to consider when determining who your CRCG will serve:
 - Which populations are most in need of coordinated support?
 - Where are the gaps and barriers to services in our community?
 - Is the population of the county changing dramatically? Consider economic shifts such as major employers either coming to or exiting an area, an influx of retired persons, etc.
- How many counties will we serve? If we serve multiple counties, will monthly meetings stay in one place or rotate?
 - Do natural partnerships exist? Are most of the services located in one county or city that the connecting county is dependent upon.
 - Do natural boundaries exist? Consider agency service regions, travel distances, concentrations of specific non-English speaking populations, etc.
- Where and when will we host our regular meetings? How often will we meet?
 - Monthly meetings held at the same time have shown to increase attendance and participation.
- What organizations and community partners need to be part of the CRCG?
 - Review the CRCG MOU and brief partner agencies on their responsibilities.
 - Emphasize the importance of each agency's participation and how it will play an important role for the children, youth, adults, and families the CRCG serves.
 - If the CRCG will primarily be serving children and youth, consider which community partners the CRCG should stay connected with to serve the entire family unit and provide services for the adults in the family.
- What CRCG leader roles will we have and how will we select members for those roles?
 - How long will leadership roles be held?
- What will our referral process and screening criteria look like?
- How will the CRCG receive referrals?
- How will individuals, families, and caregivers be engaged in discussions and decisions?