

The Linkage  *Project*

Overview of Maine's Initiative
Moving Beyond Theory

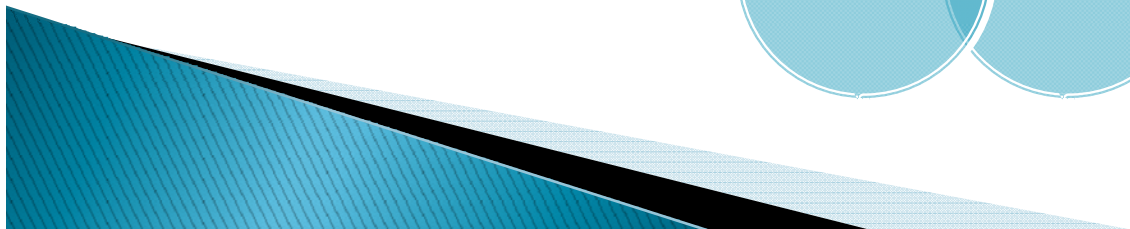
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A program of Youth Alternatives Ingraham

Linkage Project Mission

- ▶ Raise awareness of the link between animal cruelty and human violence
- ▶ Foster collaboration
- ▶ Change practice
- ▶ Advocacy and Legislation
- ▶ Integration

Changing Policy and Practice to Prevent Violence Against All Living Beings



Statewide Advisory Committee

- ▶ Norma Worley, Director, Maine's Animal Welfare Program, Dept. Of Agriculture
- ▶ Karen Elliott, Director, Adult Protective Services, DHHS
- ▶ Ginny Marriner, Director, Child Welfare Policy and Practice, DHHS
- ▶ Director, Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence (vacant)
- ▶ Andrea Paul, Senior VP, Youth Alternatives Ingraham (YI)
- ▶ Rick Fowler, Sgt., Maine State Police
- ▶ Gretchen Ziemer, Rape Response Services, Piscataquis County
- ▶ Katie Lisnik, Maine Director, HSUS and rep. of Maine Federation of Humane Societies
- ▶ Marya Faust, Director of Policy, Adult Mental Health Services, DHHS
- ▶ Tonya DiMillo, Coordinator, Linkage Project, YI
- ▶ Ad Hoc members:
 - ▶ Anne Jordan Esq., Commissioner, Dept. of Public Safety
 - ▶ Lucky Hollander, Legislative Director, DHHS
 - ▶ Evert Fowle, District Attorney, Kennebec County

Strategy: Learning at all levels

The Living Laboratory

- ▶ **YI** – asking the questions, pets at supervised visits, staff pet in group homes, fostering pets
- ▶ **Community** – what coalition work exists and how can the link be added to enhance this work
- ▶ **County** – what issues require local/statewide solutions
- ▶ **Statewide** – training, changing practice, policy and law
- ▶ **National** – sharing experience, identifying needs, suggesting solutions and more

Statewide Accomplishments

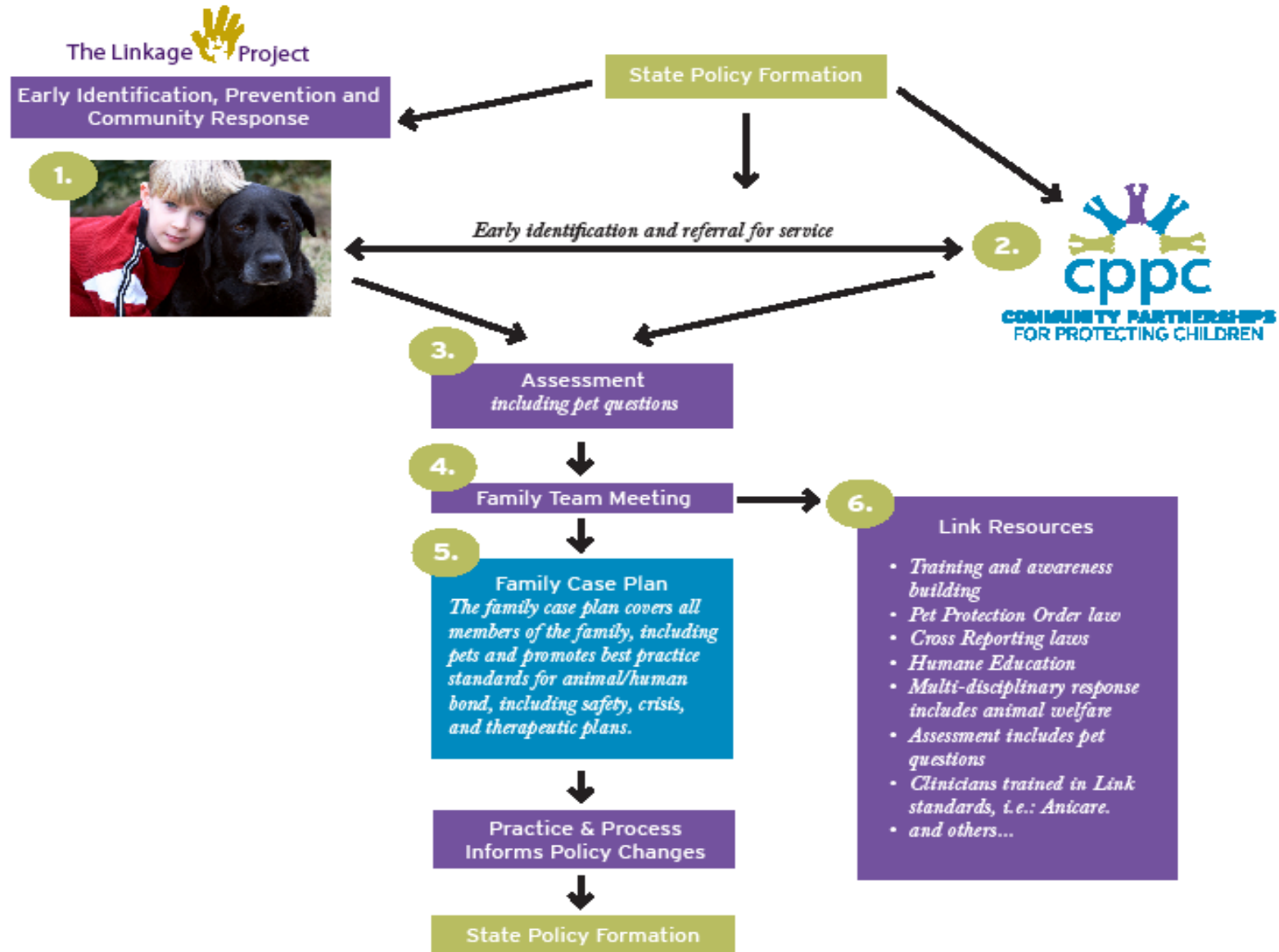
- ▶ **Multidisciplinary Response to Hoarding**
- ▶ **Integrating pets into practice: 3 Questions**
 - Are there pets in the home?
 - How does each family member treat the pet?
 - Do you worry about something bad happening to your pet?
- ▶ **Training to District Attorneys**

Statewide Accomplishments

- ▶ LD 1881 – Pets in PFAs (2006)
- ▶ Cross-reporting Laws (2007)
- ▶ Veterinarian information sheet and palm card (2008)
- ▶ Integration within existing training programs
- ▶ Integration within other efforts (2009/10)

National Accomplishments

- ▶ National Town Meeting and Experts' Summit – Portland Maine 2008
- ▶ Facilitation of the Steering Committee for the National Link Coalition (June 08 – June 09)
- ▶ Recognized resource for other states



35 Organizations have a signed CPPC Partner Agreement

- ▶ Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland
- ▶ AVESTA Housing
- ▶ Bayside Neighborhood Association
- ▶ Casey Family Services
- ▶ Catholic Charities
- ▶ Children's Advocacy Council
- ▶ Connections for Kids
- ▶ Crossroads for Women, Inc.
- ▶ City of Portland, Health and Human Services
- ▶ Portland Police Department
- ▶ Portland School Department
- ▶ City of South Portland
- ▶ South Portland School Department
- ▶ South Portland Police Department
- ▶ City of Westbrook
- ▶ Westbrook Police Department
- ▶ Westbrook School Department
- ▶ Community Counseling Center
- ▶ Day One

- ▶ East Bayside Neighborhood Org.
- ▶ Family Crisis Services
- ▶ First Jobs
- ▶ Munjoy Hill Neighborhood Organization
- ▶ KidsPeace
- ▶ The Linkage Project
- ▶ Preble Street
- ▶ PROP
- ▶ Sexual Assault Response Services
- ▶ Spiral Arts
- ▶ Spurwink
- ▶ State of Maine, DHHS
- ▶ The Root Cellar
- ▶ The United Methodist
- ▶ Church Communities of Hope
- ▶ Walker Memorial Library
- ▶ Youth Alternatives Ingraham
- ▶ Individual Partners

Sustainability

- ▶ **Lasting change**
- ▶ **Integration into existing practices / models**
 - Staff time
 - Additional funding
- ▶ **Consultation to other states**

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