Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky™

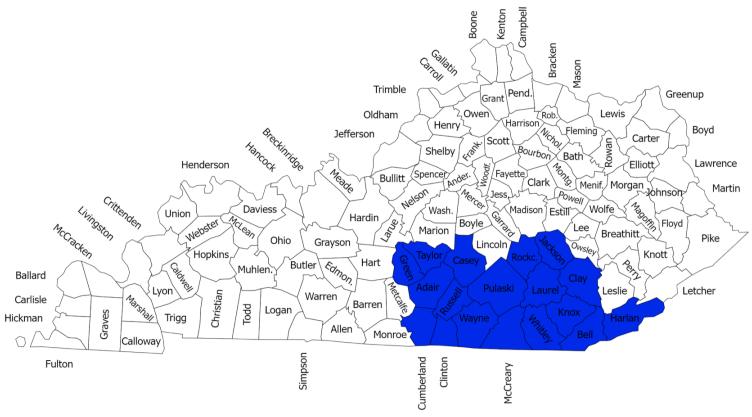
Lean on Me Kentucky

Focus Group Summary Report

Cumberland Region

The Cumberland Region Focus Group was held on June 13,2022 at 2:00 PM. Participants were recruited by Harlan Family Resource Youth Services Center (FRYSC), a longstanding PCAK Partner in Prevention in the Cumberland Region.

8 participants attended the focus group, representing community members and program participants. Participants from the Cumberland Region represented diverse experiences, cultures, and backgrounds. Many participants engaged throughout the focus group and 9 individuals completed the Survey Monkey after the focus group, resulting in 17 individuals' feedback reflected in this summary report.



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Focus group participants were asked to respond to the following 6 questions:

1. What does community mean to you?
2. What can members of this community do to value, strengthen, and support parents and families?
3. What can members of this community do to respond when they see a family having a tough time?
4. What can members of this community do to help families make healthy and supportive connections?
5. It is important for children to interact in a positive way with others, understand and communicate their feelings, and regulate their behavior. How can members of this community help children develop these social and emotional skills?
6. What can members of this community do to connect families to available resources?

Themes

Themes emerged throughout the narratives shared during our focus group questions and the Survey Monkey responses.

1. Service providers should be an empathetic, resourceful, listening ear for those in their community and beyond
2. Be more aware of available resources and care about those receiving services
3. Community should work together to provide safe and shared resources

The Lean on Me Kentucky initiative was informed by comments we received from ten focus groups held throughout the state in 2022. Scan to read responses to these questions received from each focus group,

This summary report is just the first step for the Lean On Me Kentucky movement! Following this summary report, Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky, in collaboration with partners throughout the state, will be releasing an interactive toolkit. Stay tuned for the plethora of resources soon to be released in the toolkit!

* Each of the responses recorded to each of the focus group questions have been attached. Any spelling or grammatical errors are that of the original respondent and are left to keep the integrity of the responses, as submitted by focus group participants.