RESTORE HOPE

Capturing Success

Telling the Stories Behind the Outcomes

One Story. Many Uses.

Quarterly Reports

Smart Justice

Social Media

Funders / For Others

Media

Appreciation Event

Elements of A Great Success Story

A FIRST

First paycheck.
First apartment.

TURNING POINT

Something
changes direction.

OBSTACLE

Thing that almost
derails progress.

Elements of A Great Success Story

PARTNERSHIP

People solve a problem together.

ABOVE & BEYOND

Someone does more than expected.

FULL CIRCLE

Someone helped begins helping.

Beyond “Community Partners”

NAMES	ORGANIZATION	CONTRIBUTION
Who was on the Care Team?	Which one, specifically?	What did they do, specifically?

Specific names make collaboration visible — and recognition possible.

When Child Welfare Is Involved...

How many children?

What are their ages?

Was a case opened?

Were children removed?

Foster or kinship placement?

Were they reunified?

Go beyond "DCFS involved." Capture the child welfare journey.

10:33 REPORTING

Capture What They No Longer Need

SNAP assistance	→	**Self-sustaining income**
Rental help	→	**Paying own rent**
Transportation help	→	**Reliable transportation**
Unemployed	→	**Job → Career Path**

Capture both the help received and the movement toward sustainable stability.

Quarterly Reports: Keep It Simple

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BEFORE

Where did they start?

2

ACTION

What happened this quarter?

3

PARTNERS

Who contributed — and how?

4

PROGRESS

What is different now?

Show the Distance Traveled

THEN

Housing · staying with friends
Employment · unemployed
Transportation · no vehicle
Legal · suspended license
Food · receiving SNAP
Child welfare · open case

NOW

Housing · stable apartment
Employment · full-time
Transportation · reliable
Legal · license restored
Food · self-sustaining income
Child welfare · reunified

Don't just tell us where someone landed. Show us how far they traveled.

What's Missing?

Sarah came to the Initiative in crisis. Her coordinator connected her with several community partners who helped address her needs. Sarah worked hard and made tremendous progress. Her child welfare situation improved, she found employment, and she is now stable.

Now We Have a Story

When Sarah entered the Initiative, she was unemployed, staying with relatives and without reliable transportation. Her two children, ages 4 and 7, were living in kinship care while she had an open child welfare case.

Her coordinator brought together specific Care Team partners to tackle the barriers one by one: a workforce partner helped her enroll in training, a church partner arranged transportation, and the Legal Resolution Team helped restore her driver's license.

Six months later, Sarah was working full-time, living in stable housing, and had reunified with her children. Her income had also increased enough that she no longer needed food assistance.

Your Appreciation Event Starts Now

NOTICE	Who keeps showing up?
SAVE	Names + specific examples
ASK	Who went above and beyond?
RECOGNIZE	Tell the story of what they did

NOTICE IT.

CAPTURE IT.

SHARE IT.

THANK YOU!