

**revised court observation form contains key well-being indicators including education.** Court observations will help measure quantifiably whether or not a youth's education is prioritized and if there is a focus on educational success during a permanency review hearing. It should be noted that safety, permanency and well-being indicators are **measured by the collective discussion held in the court room by all stakeholders, not solely the judicial officer.** Both county specific and statewide data will be analyzed by the OCFC and will be shared with local courts in an effort to identify strengths and assist in enhancing courtroom practice.

**Recommendations:**

**The Educational Success and Truancy Prevention Workgroup respectfully submits to the Pennsylvania State Roundtable the following recommendations:**

- 1. Finalize, publish and implement the Pennsylvania Blueprint for Education Success for Foster Youth focusing on its five priority areas including: enhanced communication and collaboration; cross systems education and resources; legislative and policy reform; data collection and sharing; and court competencies and best practices.**
- 2. Urge PDE, DHS and the courts to prioritize data and develop and implement concrete polices around collection, sharing and analyzing educational data for foster youth.**
- 3. Inform and support the Joint State Government Commission's Committee on Truancy and School Dropout Prevention;**
- 4. Continue to support Local Children's Roundtables in implementation of the Workgroup's recommendation;**
- 5. Develop a comprehensive evaluation strategy for the ESTP Workgroup's efforts.**