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State Action Plan Summary

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**Team Members**

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**Priority Issue(s)**

1. Reduce the number of single parent families by promoting delayed child-bearing and ensuring that single parents have resources and supports that they need to be successful

**Specific Action Item(s), Next Steps and Timeline**

Priority Issue 1: Reduce the number of single parent families by promoting delayed child-bearing

- Make sure long acting reversible contraception (LARCs) are covered by Medicaid.
- Engage in an awareness campaign to expand existing programs and the reach of current efforts to provide LARCs/contraception through Medicaid.
- Reach out to higher education/community colleges.
- Possibly appropriate funds to bring awareness to this issue and efforts to address it.
- Research on exact details on what is happening (gaps in services and funding).
- Identify other partners (both in the private and public sectors: crisis centers, pregnancy centers, fatherhood services, mental health, etc.).
- Educate other legislators on these issues.

**Responsibilities**

- Each member will reach out to partners.
- Dempsey will reach out to Public Health.

**Information and Services**

- Child population by household type broken down by county or district (more detailed, state-specific information).
- Unplanned pregnancy and education level data for older youth.
- Poverty level by single mother households for the state.
- NCSL can provide data and other state examples.

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