



Clark County Department of Family Services

Child Welfare Services Workgroup

July 28, 2015

Present

Mark Fitzgerald, DFS Co-Lead
Denise Parker, DFS QPI
Dianne Brooks, Foster Parent
Kelli Msoley, Foster Parent
Kim Forgione, DFS Foster Parent Champion
Cheryl Shuberda, DFS
Regina Wyman, DFS

Agenda

- 360 Reviews
- Partnership Plan – updates
- Information Sharing – updates
- Transitions – updates
- Visitation

Minutes

The QPI Child Welfare Services Workgroup was convened.

1. 360 Reviews

- The QPI Child Welfare Services Workgroup reviewed the 360 Evaluations entitled “Caregivers Review of Case Manager” and “Case Manager Review of Caregiver” with the Child Trends recommendations incorporated. The Workgroup made several recommendations to enhance the evaluations.
- Mark took notes of all of the recommendations and forwarded them to Denise Parker for enhancement of the current drafts

Next Steps: Denise will work to incorporate the changes and enhance the 360 Reviews and distribute drafts for further review prior to adoption.

2. Partnership Plan

- Discussed that the Workgroup’s plan is to create a video which will be available on-line for DFS staff and on the QPI Just in Time website for licensed caregivers.
- There is a video on the Florida QPI website discussing the Partnership Plan, so the script for that can be used as a template for building the training video.
- The request for the development of a “training video” is with the DFS Training Team and a product is expected within the next 2-3 months.

Next steps: Denise and Mark will provide regular updates as to the status.

3. Information Sharing

- Brenda Herbstman, Foster Parent Champions, has drafted a pamphlet for case managers.
- The pamphlet will be introduced to All DFS Supervisors
- A video will be created by the DFS Training Team for caregivers on the QPI Just in Time website.

Next steps: Denise will provide regular updates as to the status.

4. Transitions

- Denise discussed that there will be ongoing monthly “Bench Par” trainings which she is working with Judge Sullivan to schedule which will be around issues of “transition.”
- Dr. Zeanah and Carol Schaffer, Youth Law Center, will help facilitate the discussion/training for the Judges

- Denise stated that the intent would be to have one to two DFS units present to participate in the trainings with the Judges and that they hope to make it a webinar to involve the rest of the State's judiciary.

Next steps: Denise will provide regular updates.

5. Visitation:

- Kim stated that several foster parents have voiced concerns around the Visitation Center staff telling parents to report every bump, bruise, scrape, etc. to Intake (Hotline) rather than trying to initiate a dialogue between the foster and birth parents which might prevent the need for same.
- Denise discussed how ABC Visitation will help to build that bridge that doesn't always exist between foster and birth families.

Next steps: Creation of a subcommittee focused on "visitation"

The next meeting of the QPI Child Welfare Services Workgroup will be on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at DFS Central Site, 121 S. Martin Luther King Blvd. in the Lincoln Room.