



# Clark County Department of Family Services

## Child Welfare Workgroup - Minutes

May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015

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### Present

Patricia Nordstrom – DFS – Foster Parent Champion  
Denise Parker, DFS – QPI Coordinator  
Bruce Walker, Agency Foster Parent  
Kim Forgione, DFS – Senior Foster Parent Champion program  
Diane Brooks – DFS Foster Parent

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### Agenda

Partnership Plan – event and follow up  
Information Sharing  
Child Transition Survey – Spanish  
Custody letter – follow up  
360 reviews  
Transitions  
Visitation

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### Meeting Minutes

#### Partnership Plan

- Discussed the event and the feedback received from the evaluations that evening
- Denise P will review all the comments from each of the facilitators and incorporate any changes.
- This final document will be brought back to the next meeting.
- Respected Partners – there was a question from the committee. Should biological parents sign? The intent was for the caregivers to partner with the biological family not to have the biological family sign. The group suggested the wording is slightly confusing. Denise will review and bring back this back to the group with the other changes.

#### Information Sharing

- Denise P was given a copy of Washoe's information sharing and will cross walk both documents to see if they are consistent.
- Denise P discussed that Michael Knight suggested we have a pamphlet for the case managers, (something not so dry) He also suggested we have an easy reading, one page paper for the caregivers. Denise P will find someone creative that can assist us with this.

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**Child Transition Survey**

- Denise P sent this to the special project unit. They have a contract with a group that can interpret this document into Spanish.

**Custody Agreement**

- Denise P will follow up with Lauren W. there is a hiccup in the process the courts are using for children under PC status. The document was to apply to all children in care no matter what the status. However certain courts are writing in orders that children in PC status cannot travel.

**360 reviews**

- We received the recommendations from Child Trends. Denise P will review the recommendations and revise the documents to present at the next meeting.

**Transitions**

- Mark F has been gathering information on this from across the nation.
- Denise P is working with Carole S and the courts on having a monthly lunch and Learn. Transitions will be a part of this discussion. The Courts webcast is tentatively scheduled to occur on be August 14, 2015.

**Visitation**

- Need to begin to work on this at our next meeting.

**Next Meeting**

9:30 a.m. Thursday, 21 May, 2015  
DFS Central Storey Room  
121 S. Martin Luther King Blvd.