



# Clark County Department of Family Services

## Child Welfare Services Workgroup

October 25 2016

Lincoln Room

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### Present

Jennifer Erbes, DFS Lead  
Jennifer Bevacqua, Eagle Quest  
Katrín Easter, DFS  
Heather Heuke, DFS Clinical  
Caleb Orton, DFS P&Ps  
Leah Lewis, DFS  
Regina Wyman, DFS  
Denise Parker, QPI  
Kevin McDonald, DFS  
Lisa Linning, DFS Clinical  
Jessica Roe, Adoption Exchange via phone

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### Agenda

- Partnership Agreement/ Information Sharing
- Normalcy
- Transitions/ Disruptions
- Post-Adoption
- Visitation Program

**Minutes were reviewed and no corrections were identified.**



## **Partnership Plan / Information Sharing**

- Implementation
  - Medical passports, Caregiver Courier (Jan)
  - Community training through Just in Time Website
  - Training Academy for new hires and Licensing for foster parents

Next Steps: Follow up with Licensing for relicensing

## **Normalcy**

- Just in Time and Success Factors (mandatory for caseworkers)
- Link to webinar will be in the Caregiver Courier - Jan.
- Policy will be used with Community Providers
- Training through Just in Time and Success Factors

Next Steps: Follow- up:

Licensing for foster parents

Grievance for youth (foster parent/caseworker disagree) Support /Retention Workgroup.

FAQ uploading through Foster Parent Champions

IL – getting the information to youth

-Social media (policy and procedures)

-National Call

## **Transitions/ Disruptions**

- Sub-Workgroup meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month.
- Policy and Procedure information – setting up meeting
- Placement Policy (add to or make new)
- Transitions to Fictive and Relative – preparation and communication to families.



Next Steps: Denise to provide updates.

## **Post Adoption**

- Met with Practicum students, adoptions, adoption exchange, policy and procedure to discuss post – adoption resources.
  - Managing Information
  - Linking Foster Parent Association
  - National Link (navigator, NACAC?)
  - Holes in Resources

**Next Steps:** Set up follow up meeting with Lisa Martinez, practicum students, Adoption Exchange to discuss progress on resources. Discuss link through Just in Time for Adoption Exchange trainings

## **Visitation**

- Sub-Workgroup meeting
  - Katrin Easter, Jolie Courtney, Mark Lissor are the current participants.
  - Implementation of Staff Training
  - Pilot group - roll out slowly and planfully
  - Panel from Washoe
  - Modeling/Training – larger group of ages

Next Steps: Denise will continue to provide updates. Come together with ideas

**The next meeting of the QPI Child Welfare Services Workgroup will be on Tuesday November 29 2016 from 10 am to 1 pm in the Lincoln Room at the DFS Office located at 121 S. Martin Luther King Blvd.**