

CLARK COUNTY DEPT OF FAMILY SERVICES
Quality Parenting Initiative - Training Sub-Workgroup

Meeting Agenda

Location: Clark County Department of Family Services (DFS)
121 S. Martin Luther King Blvd.
Washoe Room

Meeting Date: 1/13/14

Vision:

Safe children, healthy families and caring communities

Mission:

The mission of the Clark County Department of Family Services is to protect children from abuse and neglect by partnering with our community to build safe, nurturing and stable families to support family preservation when possible, to provide permanent families for those children who cannot safely return home and to ensure the well-being of children in our care.

QPI Branding Statement:

Foster parents nurture children who have experienced trauma and provide a safe, loving and healing environment in which the children can thrive. They are parenting partners who honor and support family relationships. Foster parents are dedicated informed and committed advocates for children. They are instrumental and fully supported members of the child and family team. Great foster parents make a difference for children and families in our community.

Minutes:

1/13/14

- Lauren greeted everyone, started the meeting and introductions were made
- Draft of Proposal will be sent out to team members prior to the next meeting in February
 - Confirmed the specifics of what needs to go into the draft in regard to the hours, required classes, etc.
 - The proposal will include:
 - Number of hours required for renewal
 - Mandated classes
 - Hours/classes required for non-primary caregivers
 - This will impact DFS homes as many have non-primaries on their licenses
 - Workgroup will make changes to the proposal during the next meeting and then it will be presented at the next QPI Implementation Meeting, where others will have the opportunity to vote on the proposal
 - Discussed the alternative classes that can be offered under each required topic...I.E. Trauma Informed Care (TIC) 101, 102, etc.
 - Discussed if we should specify which classes are required and in what order they are to be taken or allow them to choose from a list after the first year of renewal
 - TIC - 8 modules with the NV Partnership is a possible option
 - Varies from 2, 3 or 7 days depending on who is presenting
 - Can be either 12 or 4 hours of CPE (what is CPE?)

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- This course will become a mandatory class for All Higher Level of Care (HLOC) agency staff/foster parents in the future
- Discussed Crisis Management and Developmental Needs being combined and made specific, defining what is required since it is such a broad topic
 - Discussed having Crisis Management broken out based on developmental stages
 - If included in the proposal, need to be able to offer this training and make it available for foster parents
 - How can we create the curriculum to handle this
 - Suggested that “Together Facing the Challenge” might be an option
 - HLOC providers might be a resource for this training
 - Possible option of looking to HLOC agencies to see what they are currently offering and if their courses and materials could be translated for DFS use
 - Discussed removing Crisis Management as a requirement
 - Agencies have asked that this be included so that there is a vocabulary that is universal between Agency and DFS homes
 - Discussed if we currently offer any classes that cover specific issues that might come up as crisis management issues
 - Special Projects Unit is currently working to create a “Session 11” for PS-MAPP classes which may be presented as a:
 - Take Home Packet
 - Video
 - Live Class
 - One- on-One session
 - It was agreed to remove Crisis Management as a requirement of the annual renewal training
 - Suggested that the basic information in regard to crisis management would be enough for a Non-HLOC licensee
- Should non-primary caregivers be required to have training?
 - It would depend on whether or not they are actually giving care to the children for longer than a “babysitting” scenario
 - Discussed if this should be included in the proposal
 - Yes - needs to include specifics as to Primary Direct caregivers, Primary Non-Direct caregivers, etc.
 - For those classified as babysitters, training requirements would not be included
 - Babysitters are not considered “Non-Primary” Direct caregivers
 - Anyone who watches children over the specified number of hours is no longer a babysitter and is classified as a Primary Direct caregiver
 - There is a very grey area in the regulations at this time

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- Lauren will email the WG the definition of Non-Primary caregivers
 - What training do Non-Primary caregivers need to be required to take:
 - DFS can require that Non-Primaries receive a “Top Ten to Dos”(discipline, supervision, etc) list which they can be required to sign
 - CPR requirements can also be required for Non-Primaries
 - Discussed requiring the first aid/CPR class for Non-Primaries
- Training review from Foster Parent Champion (FPC) staff was completed and a copy of the review document was discussed by Shannon Rooney
 - The actual ratings were discussed and it was mentioned that some of the videos were not viewable or audible and are not included in the review sheet
 - A list of videos with issues will be given to the Training Team for their determination as to whether or not to continue to include them on the site
 - Length and credit hours were included in the review
 - Who issues the credit hours:
 - Florida (FL)
 - Lauren will email FL as to determine why some lengthy videos have no credit hours associated and if can that be altered
 - The new videos are being reviewed by FPC Team members as they are added to the site
 - An article about the review document will be included in the upcoming Caregiver Currier newsletter along with a brief description of the training site with a link to the review document itself
 - Discussed adding the review form to the QPI web site
 - Future goal to be able to have links between the individual trainings and the review/summaries and vice versa
 - Suggested it might be helpful to have the review broken down by topic and ranked in order of number of stars
 - It was noted that several of the trainings are located in multiple categories making it hard to include the categories on the review document
 - Suggested adding a caveat that the titles might appear under numerous topics but that the reviews are in alpha order
 - Eventually we will be opening the option to review the trainings to caregivers and offering an incentive for review s
- Discussed the number of additional trainings that have been requested
 - Presenters have been hesitant to be videotaped and as a result we are having a hard time creating additional video trainings for the site
 - Lauren will look at the schedule for training and work on how to get more presenters to allow video taping
 - Suggested additional trainings needed:

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- Description of the specific County buildings and what services are offered in each, along with locations
 - PS-MAPP review
 - Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children (ICPC)
 - Relative placements
 - Individualized Education Program (IEP) courses in Clark County School District (CCSD)
 - Shared Parenting
 - School transportation and placements
 - Specifics of the law that allows the kids to go to whatever school they desire even if they are no longer in that zone
 - Transportation is not included
 - How to balance the needs of the child with the available time of the caregiver
 - Foster Children's (and Sibling) Bill of Rights and how to advocate for these rights
- There is going to be a Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI) National Conference here in Las Vegas on February 25th and 26th
 - It will cover a variety of topics
 - Panels of experts will discuss what is being done in different jurisdictions with afternoon break-out sessions
 - Panelists will include:
 - Community Partners
 - Foster Parents
 - Agency Representatives
 - Other Experts
 - Look for more information in the next week
 - Conference will be held at the Gold Coast
 - Conference Hours are:
 - 8:30-5:00 on February 25th
 - 8:30-Noon on February 26th
 - Detailed information will be disseminated to all QPI work groups when available
- **Next Meeting to be held on 2/10/14 at 4:00 pm Washoe room DFS Central**