



Clark County Department of Family Services

Training Workgroup

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 2nd, 2016 – 4:00 to 5:30pm

ATTENDEES

DFS - Sonya McAllister, Alexa Walker, Denise Parker

SAFY - Haley Watson, Jennifer Anderson

Office of Suicide Prevention - Richard Egan

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Yearly training hours
 - Letter
 - Training readiness
3. Panel for national conference
4. Other Just in Time training updates
 - Webinar for Judge Sullivan
 - Webinar for normalcy
5. Preservice rewrite update
6. Workgroup goals
7. Next Meeting

MINUTES

2. Yearly training hours

Letter

- The increase of yearly training hours for foster parents (from 4 hours to 12 hours) has been featured in the Caregiver Courier several times over the past few months.

- Sending out the training hours increase notification letter has been delayed several times due to internal changes and issues with Spanish translations. It should go out this week along with foster parent appreciation awards.

Training Readiness

- The trainings are 100% ready.

3. Panel for national conference

- June 22nd, 2016 is the national QPI conference, being held here in Las Vegas at the Flamingo Hotel & Casino. Clark County QPI is doing a keynote speech, a presentation on PRIME and a presentation from our Foster Parent Champions. We will not be sponsoring any families or employees to attend the conference beyond this.

4. Other Just in Time updates

Webinar for Judge Sullivan

- A webinar will be held May 19th for Judge Sullivan. Discussion will be what the next steps for this project are. This includes more advocacy efforts for better transitions. Judge Sullivan will be speaking about what the webinars have accomplished at the conference in Cleveland.

Webinar for Normalcy

- The last webinar of the series will be held May 25th from 1-2:30pm. Barbara Buckley will be speaking about the statewide policy for normalcy written for both DFS and private agencies.
- Some topics will include what foster parents can and cannot do, what being a prudent parent means, as well as a panel discussion.

5. Preservice rewrite update

- The preservice rewrite is approximately ¾ completed at this point. We expect it to be fully completed by September 2016. We are partnering with the Youth Law Center in this process.
- The goal of the preservice rewrite is to develop foster parent training that is specific to our community, drawing from case studies.
- The training series will be 7 weeks long and cover seven topics of mastery. There will be a pre-test and post-test implemented to measure the effectiveness of training.
- Once this is completed, it will be the first and only evidence-based training nationwide. This is an exciting tool that we will be able to share with others. The goal is to create a process that each community can adapt to their own specific needs.

6. Workgroup goals

- Updates to come.

7. Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 14th from 12-1:30pm at the DFS Central Office