

## Placement Matching Workgroup Fostering Success July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Update

### Workgroup Summary

The Placement Matching Workgroup was developed to develop best practices for placement matching for teens placed in foster care. The group will also look to identify resources and efficiencies which can be created to enhance the placement process statewide.

### Meeting and Conference Call Details

Date: July 14, 2015

Time: 2:00pm

Location: Conference Call

1. Workgroup Participants: Fawn Moore Evan Leach, Carol Randazzo, Beth Batten, Nancy King, Deena Ponto, and David Brown
2. Topics Discussed:
  - a. Best Practice Intake and Placement Form
  - b. PHarmony
  - c. Pre-meetings
  - d. Childnet-SafePlace Center
  - e. Foster Family Selection Workgroup
3. Results/Challenges:

#### **Intake and Placement Form**

- Mia reviewed statewide forms from CBCs; posted results to googleshare drive; sent out to Suncoast region and Fawn's region to CPis to get feedback. Senior CPis and field consultants to give feedback by end of week.
- Once finalize final draft have two CBC's pilot-PFSF and CBCCFL? Beth said CBCCFL not in a good place right now for them; Fawn asked for another CBC. David said NE region has a contract with QPI and may be interested. Fawn will reach out to them.
- Deena from Childnet asked for a copy of the form to determine if they can be a pilot site. Fawn will send over but its still a work in progress.

#### **P Harmony**

- Webcast was held; almost 100 people were on. Fawn also sent to a few CBC's who were interested (NE and Community Partnership) who are planning conversations with their leadership to determine if they can be a pilot site.
- P Harmony is planning technology dates in the next 30-60 days and should make much more user friendly and can be used in the field and with mobile devices.

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- For sites that want to be a pilot, will wait until technology updates before launching.
- Fawn asked if sites interested let her know, she wants to talk to anyone interested at this point. Up front work may be a little heavier but should get easier.

### Match Opportunities

*Asked Beth to speak about-Working on face to face contact with potential placements*

- CBCCFL Adjusted FP preservice model. Anna now does inservice post licensing; all trainers while getting to know families in class, would talk to CPA's about preferences/strengths/weaknesses discovered during PRIDE; CPA's would look further into during HS process. Anna is going to be point of contact for this information for three FP trainers and piggy backing on what they are doing. She's a go between for FP and CPA's; looking at strengths and weakness of child and fit; going to look at strengths and weaknesses of existing homes and try to match better
- Anna was already doing this but now she's going to do globally across their 3 counties and not training anymore; she will get a list of all kids needing placement and can look at the inventory of homes and trying to make a match.
- Most requests will be made through email; her work will be through email and phone calls. They are still trying to figure out process.
- Sometimes will have face to face opportunities and pre meetings
- Require pre-meetings for group homes
- Don't call them pre-meetings for FP home call them transition plan; do a meeting for FP and child, then respite for a weekend and then placement if a good match. Have a list each month of children trying to place (step down, or moving from group care; to relatives)

### Childnet-SafePlace Intake Center

- When pi's have new removals, when they have exhausted other options; licensed partner agency to take child while CBC works with licensing agencies to find good fit for FP; do a mental health assessment and allow FP to meet kids face to face and determine fit.
- Requires a lot of communication between everyone
- Anytime a new home is licensed; intake and placements dept is notified so they can "pre-match" what best fit is (age, gender...)

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- Varies for planned placement-can use the location to meet or interview-sometimes happens at licensing agency location or home/group home
- Wendy sent an email with some of this information and the pre-meet
- Asked David if Tampa has something similar-DB said he was not aware of anything but know they have a FP center and they may use that. Its good to hear that there are a few different models and this is a good opportunity to come up with approaches of best practice as each system of care/community is different-maybe come up with 3 or 4 different models to offer out and each site can determine best fit.
- Asked Trudy what FP are looking for? Sometimes it's the FP asking and requesting. Where is it being doing right and well? Trudy hasn't collected yet but what they are hearing is from across the state unfortunately there is no matching due to high rate of children coming into care. Right now it's more about getting children in beds. FP would like to do a lot more with matching.
- Fawn asked if she could speak with people who have this down or additional contacts in areas where its working (ChildNet, CBCCFL)to see what specifically is happening. Trudy will put out to state board.
- David agreed and asked for a one or two page write up for each site doing this and a point of contact-allow other sites to try this and figure out how it works in their area. Fawn suggested have a youth review the best practices group comes up with.

#### 4. Next Steps (please identify who is responsible for each task):

- Next Meeting/Conference Call: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, August 11<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm.