

Selection Workgroup Fostering Success July 22th, 2015 Update

Workgroup Summary

This workgroup is to review, assess, and enhance the selection/educational process of foster families entering the child welfare system. This workgroup will determine best practices and resources by which organizations statewide can improve their ability to engage/educate prospective families.

Meeting and Conference Call Details

Date: July 22, 2015

Time: 10:30am

Location: Conference Call

1. **Workgroup Participants:** Trudy Petkovich, Anna Brown, Pat Smith, Melanie Stimmell, Chris Lolley, David Brown, Lisa Walters, Nancy King, Mary Helen Barnes,

2. **Topics Discussed:**

Short-term goals

Review tools and practices to help with pre-selection that begins as early as orientation. Review how different types of trainings attract different types of families that may result in increased number families attending trainings, i.e. Spanish speaking, shorter term, weekly, bi-weekly, on-line weekend retreat, faith-based focused. (CBC's to provide information on their recruitment and assessing families). **August 12th is deadline for feedback statewide.**

Put tools and practices together in a compiled attachment to be shared with all CBC's and QPI partners. This will allow for CBC's to choose which practices best suit their system of care, enhance what they already have in place and/or change completely to a new format.

This should be done rather easily by collecting documents that already exist and putting together contact info for those interested in learning more about another's program so that they can consult.

Since some CBC's/QPI partners may not wish to change their way of operating, as it has been successful or can't change without a major overhaul of P & P's, this provides them with more tools in their toolbox to use as needed.

Mid-term goals

Break down selection process into agreed upon parts such as orientation, training, homestudy process, etc. Determine how selection plays a part and differs in each category i.e. what are you looking for in each category

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that allows you to conclude to select out family and or proceed to next phase. The group can utilize the tools and practices from those compiled for the short-term goal of developing a more concrete plan of selection phraseology. The goal is to breakdown the front-end process into sections and identify best practices for each section. Also potentially develop some new resources or tools for use statewide.

Long-term goals

Develop a manual/on-line resource for selection to help new QPI partners develop their licensing and training programs. The manual will be a more comprehensive document with steps to build a program from the ground up. In addition, how to keep it current and useful for existing sites as well.

It was suggested that the team take on the audacious goal of creating their own tool for future utilization statewide.

3. **Results:** NA
4. **Challenges:** NA
5. **Next Steps (please identify who is responsible for each task):**
All group members will email Beth by August 12th their front end resources and tools. The team also discussed the potential of meeting during the upcoming Summit. A decision will be made as the Summit gets closer.
6. **Next Meeting/Conference Call:**
August 19th at 10:30am