

Placement Matching Workgroup Fostering Success August 11th, 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: August 11, 2015

Time: 2:00pm

Location: Conference Call

1. Workgroup Participants: Fawn Moore, Janine Hernandez (Senior CPI from Fawn's region), Mia Jones, Evan Leach (absent), Carol Randazzo (absent), Beth Batten (absent), Nancy King (absent), Deena Ponto (absent), Xiomara Turner (absent), Trudy Pekovich (absent), and David Brown
2. Topics Discussed:
 - a. Review of call this morning
 - b. Best Practice Intake and Placement Form
 - c. PHarmony
 - d. Match Opportunities/Pre-meetings
3. Results/Challenges:
 - a. Best Practice Intake and Placement Form: Partnership for Strong Families beginning to pilot the form on Monday. ChildNet was potential other site but just responded and stated they cannot be a pilot site. Still would like to have two sites piloting so please let Fawn know if any other CBCs may be appropriate. David mentioned to Sarasota Y who may be interested; in previous calls Evan mentioned some interest in Suncoast Region. Fawn will follow up him.
 - b. PHarmony: Updating program so it is accessible on mobile devices and to the youth so they can complete confidentially. Families will complete during pre-service or graduation. Asking for 2 CBCs to pilot. Edits to technology will be done around the end of September. Fawn has some apprehension about finding pilot sites; she is reaching out to Eckerd as they had expressed interest previously. Mia asked why there form is not a part of the PHarmony process

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- c. and could they be combined? Fawn stated these are two separate tools- one for those who are not as technologically savvy or able due to size. Also algorithm behind software is different from placement form- maybe once feedback on form is obtained, they can be incorporated into algorithm.
 - d. Match Opportunities/Pre-meetings: Continues to be a challenge. Trudy is getting feedback from foster families. David is working with several CBC's about their current process.
 - i. Mia reported there are probably sites already doing these but calling them something else. She also stated after the initial meeting it gets more difficult.
 - ii. David will put on agenda for next week's Florida QPI webcast and discuss with sites to potentially gain more feedback. Mia and Fawn can be present on call to share more information about request.
 - e. Administrative code: Was brought up earlier today-code requires assessing and tracking information for group homes that is partially captured on placement form. Could form be adapted or edited to include this information to allow it to serve this purpose as well?
4. Next Steps (please identify who is responsible for each task):
- a. David will add pre-meetings on to QPI statewide call agenda for next Tuesday
 - b. Trudy will get back to workgroup before net meeting for foster parent expectations
 - c. Fawn will reach out to Evan about Sarasota Y being a pilot site. David will follow up with Jill Steiner about who she recommended being part of the workgroup.
5. Next Meeting/Conference Call: 2nd Tuesday of each month would be September 8th @ 2pm which will be during Ad Hoc meetings of Dependency Summit. Workgroup will potentially attempt to meet in person at Summit instead on Thursday but may also do a call later in month. Fawn will put it out to the workgroup and let everyone know what consensus is.