

## Resource & Support Workgroup Fostering Success July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Update

### Workgroup Summary

The Resource and Support Workgroup was developed to identify available supports for parents fostering teens. In addition, the group identifies potential barriers to placement stability of teens within traditional settings.

### Meeting and Conference Call Details

Date: July 8, 2015

Time: 11:00am

Location: Conference Call

1. Workgroup Participants: Akiva Ford, Amanda Williams, Trudy Petkovich, Patty Babcock, Melony Jones (absent), Anna Molinaa (absent), Kirsten Sutton (absent), Jill Steiner (absent), Ashley Schermehorn (absent), David Brown
2. Topics Discussed:
  - a. Summer Camp/After School Update
  - b. Workforce/Jobs
  - c. One Church One Child
  - d. Utilization of Social Work Students
  - e. Support/800 Number
  - f. Behavioral Health Access
3. Results/Challenges:
  - a. Summer Camp/After School Update: Information regarding the summer camp resource guide was provided to every attendee at the FSFAPA conference in June. The Child Welfare Institute will be able to assist in updating the Guide for coming year depending on funding and staff allocation next year. Also requesting Child Welfare Institute to gather resources for back to school and afterschool.
  - b. Workforce/Jobs: Kirk Brown will be the representative working with this Workgroup from DCF. Workgroup will ask him to assist with workforce issues with the IL population. David reached out to Beth Batten who will be providing a contact for the provider they utilize for their youth work program. David will ask them to have a representative on next call to share more about their program and determine the feasibility of expanding or replicating this in other areas.

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- c. One Church One Child: Akiva has looked into the 100 Black Men initiative and has been in touch with Reverend AI from the Tallahassee chapter. Discussed reaching out to each chapter to see how to link them to each CBC and assist our demographic. They currently have a program like Outward Bound on various college campuses.
  - d. Utilization of Social Work Students: Patty has connected Akiva with Dr. Bonnie Yegidis from the Florida Association for Deans and Directors. Dr. Yegidis has provided Akiva with Dr. Jackie Withers at UCF to discuss this partnership. Akiva stated her agency will have a social work student in the fall to assist with best practice for recruitment.
  - e. Support/800 Number: Discussed possibility of an 800 number for families who take teens during last call. Various opinions on Workforce as to role of 800 number. FSFAPA already has a line available to families statewide and it may be possible to utilize the existing line. Workgroup agreed a subcommittee should be formed to develop the expectations and role for the 800 number. Amanda stated during the FSAPA conference, she developed a list of foster families who work take in teens and would like to send out a Survey Monkey about any advice they have for incoming foster families taking teens or information they wish they would have been provided. Suggestion was made to contact all Workgroup Chairs and let them know a survey will be created and sent out and for them to inquire within their workgroups for any questions to include. David suggested asking about interest in participating in a focus group that could possibly held at FSFAPA mini conference. Patty suggested Ashley S. could help develop questions as she has just completed a literature review regarding foster home recruitment.
  - f. Behavioral Health Access: Recommendation was made to include this on survey to obtain more information.
4. Next Steps (please identify who is responsible for each task):
- a. David follow up with Beth Batten to obtain contact information for their youth work program provider and invite them to next call.
  - b. Akiva will follow up with Reverend AI and invite him or a representative to next call.
  - c. Akiva will also follow up with Dr. Withers to discuss utilization of social work students.
  - d. Patty will provide Ashley S.'s contact information to Amanda for them to connect regarding survey questions.



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- e. Amanda will be in touch with Ashley regarding survey questions. She will also contact all Workgroup Chairs and let them know about survey.
- f. David will propose a subcommittee for 800 number at Fostering Success webinar tomorrow.

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5. Next Meeting/Conference Call: August 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am