

## Resource & Support Workgroup Fostering Success June 17<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: June 17, 2015

Time: 12:30pm

Location: Conference Call

1. Workgroup Participants: Akiva Ford, Amanda Williams, Trudy Petkovich, Patty Babcock, Melony Jones, Anna Molinaa, Kirsten Sutton, Jill Steiner, Ashley Schermehorn
2. Topics Discussed:
  - a. Summer Camp Update
  - b. Camp for Champions
  - c. Workforce/Jobs
  - d. One Church One Child
  - e. Utilization of Social Work Students
  - f. Behavioral Health Access
  - g. Support
3. Results/Challenges:
  - a. Summer Camp Update: Patty Babcock provided an update of the efforts of the Child Welfare Institute related to this initiative. Patty distributed a draft of the Resource Guide containing a list of summer camps that serve teens across the State of Florida. Workgroup discussed best way to organize the content in the Resource Guide-potentially organize by county or by circuits, whichever works best for CBC's. For example, the document will be arranged by Circuit and then a breakdown by county within that Circuit. The Workgroup is contemplating the best way to distribute the Guide. Discussed hosting it on the QPI and FSFAPA website, as well as sending out via FSFAPA Constant Contact and to QPI Leads. We will also place the Resource Guide in the bags provided to attendees at the FSFAPA Conference. The Child Welfare Institute will be able to assist in updating the Guide for coming year depending on funding and staff allocation next year. Tremendous work by the team at the Institute to pull this very useful information together.

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- b. Camp for Champions: Local CBC's are hosting these statewide.
  - c. Workforce/Jobs: DCF previously agreed to provide representation on the Workgroup to assist in Workforce and Career Development for youth in care. Building a relationship with Workforce and Career Development would be key for adolescents and their growth and development. CBCCFL has a strong youth work program.
  - d. One Church One Child: 100 Black Men initiative is currently on hold.
  - e. Utilization of Social Work Students: Child Welfare Institute suggested working with students to assist adolescents and families across the State of Florida. Patty suggested potentially utilizing the 14 Universities as a resource through student field placements. David suggested reaching out to the Florida Association of Deans and Directors and provide them information about the teen initiative so they can determine if there are any potential ways they can assist or support the initiative.
  - f. Behavioral Health Access: Is there limited access and is this contributing to placement disruption? Patty stated there is inconsistent access to services particularly crisis support services. In-home services are key and how do we offer?
  - g. Support: How can we provide a resource or connection for teen foster families statewide? Could Workgroup provide a great training on support for families with teens? Discussed how to structure an 1-800 number for families.
4. Next Steps (please identify who is responsible for each task):
- a. David will reach out to DCF to determine who can work with Workgroup on Workforce and Career Development before next call.
  - b. David will also reach out to Beth Batten about their youth work program before next call.
  - c. Akiva will attend any talks at FSFAPA conference related to support for foster families who work with teens and determine if speaker can offer further support statewide.
5. Next Meeting/Conference Call: July 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am