

Round Table Discussion

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“The most dangerous phrase in the language is we’ve always done it this way”

Rear Admiral Dr. Grace Hopper

Game Plan

- Why roundtables?
- Who’s at your table?
- What’s going to happen?
 - 10 minutes to independently complete the green sheet
 - Share answers and ideas-Learn about other states/counties
 - Report out/Share one thing – Index card take away -who should I connect with, can I change something to keep children at the center of our work.
 - Tangible document – information will be compiled and shared

Complete the GREEN Sheet

- Complete the GREEN with your state/county's answers



I. System for Implementing IV-E Medical in your State for an ICPC child

- How does your state start medical coverage for an IV-E eligible child??
- How can a non-IV-E eligible child get on medical if placed with:
 - Relatives
 - Foster placement
 - Adoption

II. Extended Foster Care, EFC/ Non minor dependent, NMD

- Does your state supervise youth in EFC? Yes or No
- Under what circumstances, will you accept an EFC request?
- Do these requests go through the ICPC office? YES or NO
 - If NO, what entities handle EFC requests?
- If your state will accept a request for EFC, what documentation is required?

III. Best Practices

- Name one thing a state can do to help move the ICPC process along more quickly related to:
 - Processing packets/requests
 - Permanency
- What is something you have done in your work/state that was a small change but created a big impact for ICPC work?
- What role does your ICPC office play in encouraging timely home studies?
- What suggestions for transitioning children across state lines can ICPC staff provide to placing social workers? For example, the use of Skype, phone calls, pictures, adequate supply of medication supply, etc.

IV. Undocumented Persons

- Will your state assess a placement if the child is undocumented?
- Will your state assess a placement if the placement resource is undocumented?
- Are there any barriers for placement?

V. Legalization of Marijuana

- What is the status of the legalization of marijuana in your state? (recreational, medical, pending legislation)
- How does your state address marijuana in a home study?
- How does your state address the use of marijuana when making placement, if it is not legal in sending state but is legal in the receiving state?

IV. Foster Care Diversion

Definition - Social services agencies divert cases to usually relative care so the children do not have to come into foster care. However, when this happens, some relatives have no legal documents that say they have the authority to get the children enrolled in school or medical attention.

- What suggestions can you make to families so they can get things they need i.e. power of attorney from parent? Temporary custody?

Share ONE Thing

- Report out- Each table share ONE thing
 - Did you hear learn something new? What can you try in your state/county?
 - Use the index card to make a note

I. System for Implementing IV-E Medical in your State for an ICPC child Idaho

- IV-E youth on medical – courtesy worker makes a referral in coordination with sending state local- submit application to child welfare funding team at state office processes document. Child must be IV-E eligible & in licensed placement
- Non-IV-E youth with relative- courtesy worker refers family to apply for TANF relative caretaker grant and medical through that program, child only income eligibility
- Foster placement- not IV- E non relative- sending state needs to have solid medical plan to reimburse family or pay providers directly
- Adoption placement- not IV-E non-relative, Adoption Assistant Agreement at time of placement to start early ICAMA or sending state needs to have a solid financial medical plan to reimburse family or pay providers directly

II. Extended Foster Care, EFC/Non minor dependent, NMD

Alaska

- Yes, will accept
- Case by case situation- college, relatives, working as long as it seems reasonable Alaska will consider
- Requests go through ICPC, then it's referred to Independent Living staff within the state agency
- Standard documents 100A, cover letter, social worker statement, court document showing custody, document that shows expectations of youth and services the sending state is requesting

III. Best Practices


Oregon

- Processing packets- accept referrals via email (independent of NEICE)
- Permanency- Conduct different home studies concurrently. Example: parent home study in process, don't say you can't start a relative home study.
- IV-E youth on medical – courtesy worker makes a referral in coordination with sending state local- submit application to child welfare funding team at state office processes document. Child must be IV-E eligible & in licensed placement
- Timely home studies- worker report directly to ICPC unit. Better job of tracking assignments and pushing for timely completion
- Suggestions in placement- address medical coverage prior to placement. 30 day medication supply. Appropriate clothing for the weather they will be living.

III. Best Practices

Washington

- Processing packets- cover letter outlining child's needs and behaviors
- Permanency- if states can recommend foster-adopt from the beginning. Following up with your locals when quarterly reports are overdue- out of compliance with the Compact
- Small change/big impact- Reg. 1 cases, offer to do foster-adopt to assist in permanency even if home study from sending state is only foster, worked with IT & foster care medical unit we have a check box in our ICPC computer module to request to turn on medical in our system for IV-E/foster placed children- FCMT gets an email alert based on the box being checked
- Encouraging timely home studies- training for home study writers, we strategize with DLR management to improve time frames, FAQ sheet for home study writers, close/deny ICPC within 15 days if no response with 3 different methods of attempt (such as call, unannounced visit, mail, email)
- Suggestions on transitioning children across state lines- local worker connect with placement resource, pictures of new home/environment/school/animals, video calls, phone calls, send child with 30 days of medication, clothing appropriate for the weather, if child's in service/therapy in-state, make sure worker know how to access that service out-of-state



I've just completed my prerequisites for medical and law school.

Is this why the home study is taking so long? I'm still reading the packet

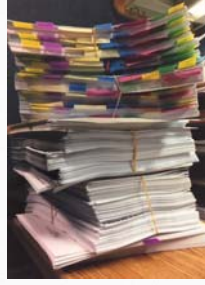
Birth records for a 13 year old!?

Some states may have an office supply shortage but sending all of your tabs, paperclips, rubber bands is not a way to help them--

Send all the supporting documents and the home study doesn't address any of the child's issues.

\$45 dollars later

STOP



Training your locals to including current information in the packet is a time saver versus trying to weed through this packet

Thorough cover letter explaining medical or behavioral needs, and accompanying evaluations, and current treatment plan is more beneficial than all the medical records copied.

Send information that is pertinent to understand the child's needs and to assist in the evaluation of proposed placement resource

IV. Undocumented Persons
Riverside County, CA

- Riverside will assess a placement resource for an undocumented youth
- Riverside cannot approve caregivers that are undocumented, they need verification of legal residency
- The child would not be IV-E eligible so would not be eligible for medical if placed in Riverside county

V. Legalization of Marijuana
Wyoming's Response

- Marijuana is not legal in Wyoming
- Not applicable to include in a home study
- Making placement: Wyoming would likely go with the receiving state recommendation in the home study, looking at safety issues, such as that it was out of reach of children

IV. Foster Care Diversion
Oregon's Response

- We suggest best practice is that families go into court and file for custody or get legal guardianship. Not always what happens of course, sometimes the parent just writes a note or something, and we can't compel anything else but we do advise the family to go through the courts.

Wrap-up

- State Pages
- Remember to leave the GREEN sheet of paper at the table.
- Responses will be compiled and provided.

Thank you

Don't expect to see a **CHANGE** if you don't make one.
