LCPA Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: 8-3-22

**Every Child – David Reed:** July 19, 2022 a presentation titled Every Child was given from an agency who has done a lot of this work in Oregon. Oregon has experienced a desperate need for Foster Parents and stakeholders created the Every Child program in response.

Air Game and Ground Game are two methods used to recruit Foster Parents. These methods have been successfully implemented in Oregon statewide. There is a reported 17% transfer from inquiry to licensed foster parents.

Indiana is considering the possibility of implementing Every Child in Indiana for additional method of recruiting Foster Parents.

Mark on your calendars August 23 as a next meeting regarding Every Child and LCPAs and IARCA are encouraged to attend.

**Equity, Inclusion and Diversity – Brandi Janai Carter:**

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Brandi Janai has been hired as the Chief Equity and Inclusion Officer for DCS. Brandi has been employed with DCS seven years with experience being a DCS staff attorney. Brandi has had successes with the Dual Status population which includes youth in Foster Care and Juvenile Delinquency systems and with complex cases/CFTMs in general. Brandi has rolled out an Employee Group which will discuss difficult topics. A committee has been structured which reports to Brandi. Brandi and her staff hope to educate provider staff regarding the different demographics and needs of the many communities in Indiana.

**Co-Care Ann Davis:**

A federal grant has been received to continue the supporting of Co-Care endeavors. Ann thanked Angela Grossman and Melissa Winkler for the collaboration regarding co-care. DCS staff will continue to be educate on Co-Care techniques. The federal grant money will be used to educate Foster Parents, Kinship and Parents on the practices of Co-Care. Videos, written materials and trainings will be created for the education of Co-Care during 2022 and in 2023 a dinner will be served for all stakeholders to receive the formal presentation of Co-Care practices.

**Training Update – Chatney Grice:**

Reminder that the Super Saturdays are occurring on third Saturday of each month from 10am to 12pm Eastern. Contact the enclosed link for more information on DCS Super Saturday: [DCS: Super Saturday](https://www.in.gov/dcs/training/foster-parent-training/super-saturday/). People to contact for questions: Chatney.Grice@dcs.in.gov Melissa.Anderson-Traylor@dcs.in.gov (RAPT Trainer) and Arlene.Jones-Joyner@dcs.in.gov (RAPT Supervisor) Also email the above persons if your facility wishes to be a Host LCPA for the TOT training.

TOT Schedule: TOT is still being done virtually currently. For the year 2023 the TOT training will be held in person.

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**Face Book – Ann Davis:**

Ann Davis reported that there are 250 members in Facebook group for Foster Parents. Please continue to share the link below with all your Foster Parents.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/indianafosterparentcommunity>

**Background Check update – Don Travis:**

Child Protection Index (CPI) and CPS history checks have been taking long lengths of time to complete for potential employees who have lived outside of Indiana. In response, the Background Check unit has created a position which functions as a liaison between DCS staff and counties related to obtaining CPI, CPS checks quickly.

Please reference the enclosed link for information:

<https://www.in.gov/dcs/files/COBCU_out-of-state_assistance_letter.pdf>

**SAFE Trainings and LCPA Overdue Annuals – Nicci Chenowith:**

SAFE training October 2022 dates:

October 17 - Refresher

October 18 to 19 – 2 day Practitioner

October 20 – Interview day

October 21 – SAFE Supervisor day

Overdue Annuals:

Currently there are 387. Consultants are notifying agencies of their overdue annuals and will help them interpret data and reduce their overdue Annual numbers.

Public Comment has been running since July 2022 and comments will be accepted until August 18, 2022. The Public Hearing will be held August 18, 2022 from 10 to 12 virtually.

Next meeting is 9/7/22 from 1 to 2 EST.