**Indiana Family Preservation Services**

**Agenda and Questions**

**June 21, 2024**

**All providers**

1. Concrete supports reminder and discussion—Please complete this form for any concrete spend, and send to Bridget McIntyre (*Bridget.McIntyre@dcs.in.gov*) or the Child Welfare Plan (*ChildWelfarePlan@dcs.in.gov*):

 <https://www.in.gov/dcs/files/Expense-Tracking-Agencies.xlsx>

**As a reminder, the anticipated costs of concrete supports were built into the per diem.**

The decision to use concrete supports should also be a team one with good planning to ensure families achieve maximum benefit from these supports.

This also is applicable for Probation.

1. Service Hub. Please ensure you are updating regularly.
	1. [Services Hub         Family Preservation         Referral Availability (office.com)](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=ur-ZIQmkE0-wxBi0WTPYjbw5g-0Ko39MpabqTKV3ZG5UODZPRkdOTFVUQjNKSjNWTElDNERZQk1EVC4u&web=1&wdLOR=c4B1DB25E-5AEE-4D84-BF02-BB804B5B6EDA)
2. Evaluation Update—This will likely be the final month of data collection. There are still a few providers submitting surveys, and Brian will be reaching out to you if your agency is one still completing those. Almost all of the cases from this evaluation group are closed now.
	1. Most providers are done – only 13-15 providers who still have open cases
	2. You will be contacted directly
3. Feedback on Family Pres from Juvenile and Family Court Conference on June 12. The perception of the program from the Court.
	1. Had a lot of feedback regarding INFPS
	2. Many judges critical of recent services – concerned that providers are only doing weekly safety checks; reports are repetitive and lack detail
		1. Concerning because we want services to be intentional and family specific
		2. Utilize Evidence Based Practices
		3. Frequency and length of visits should be determined by clinical judgement, models used, and family needs
	3. Feedback indicated that historically, services were appropriate but have been ‘slipping’ as time goes on
	4. Provider data was able to justify with some judges that providers are doing good work and cases are successful
	5. RFP upcoming this fall (with Community Based Services)
		1. Continue demonstration of high quality work
4. Austin to talk about ongoing documentation review, and service standard reminders:
	1. initial assessment and initial safety plan uploaded into KT within 7 days of first face-to-face.
	2. completing meaningful weekly safety checks,
	3. updating monthly reports and treatment plans.
	4. Dashboard reviews are showing less thorough reports, services, and assessments
		1. Make sure the initial safety assessment is thorough
	5. Continue monitoring your agency’s dashboard
		1. If you need your link, email childwelfareplan@dcs.in.gov
	6. If you have feedback that is cut off and you would like to see the full detail, email the case ID and month of review to childwelfareplan@dcs.in.gov
	7. We are working with the field on quality of referral to ensure that you have all the information you need for a family at the beginning of the referral
		1. Continue discussions with local offices to get the information you need
		2. If communication is a problem, reach out to your Regional Services Coordinator – they can help too!
	8. COURT – providers should be attending court
		1. DCS Legal is aware of provider concerns about not being invited, or even being removed from court
		2. Services and Legal will look into this concern
	9. Remember that only TWO things end family preservation
		1. End of the case – successful case closure
		2. Child is formally and indefinitely removed from the home
		3. When a child goes to a non-offending parent for an extended period
			1. You MAY need to ‘suspend’ services
			2. You MAY be able to meet with the child virtually and continue meeting with the family
			3. CFTMs can help establish this
		4. For JD/JS cases – if the child temporarily goes to residential placement, this does NOT end the referral
			1. Providers can continue to work with the family
			2. Contact and intensity may change during this time
			3. An example of Job Corp – may need to close INFPS (successfully)
	10. Supervision of Staff
		1. We do not want ‘supervision’ to be 2 short sessions per month, which is why the 2 hour expectation was set
			1. One can be group
			2. The other should be thorough and intensive, based on individual caseloads
			3. Open to language changes for the next contract cycle
5. Upcoming “Safety Summit” on October 1, 2024, at the 502 East Event Center in Carmel. Save the date!
	1. Family Preservation Providers and DCS FCMs
	2. 200 slots reserved
	3. People doing the work should attend – not office staff/leadership
6. Adoption and Guardianship subsidy news: <https://www.wthr.com/article/news/local/indiana/indiana-department-child-services-changes-financial-assistance-programs-adoption/531-e2a53a37-ef07-43c8-afb5-1a175b7f4572?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery>
7. Senate Finance Committee hearing on FFPSA that highlighted INFPS. <https://www.finance.senate.gov/hearings/the-family-first-prevention-services-act-successes-roadblocks-and-opportunities-for-improvement>
8. Current referral information: *(as of 6/20/24):*

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| **Region** | **Family Pres Case Count** |
| 1 | 130 |
| 2 | 92 |
| 3 | 149 |
| 4 | 144 |
| 5 | 56 |
| 6 | 64 |
| 7 | 146 |
| 8 | 137 |
| 9 | 79 |
| 10 | 158 |
| 11 | 132 |
| 12 | 60 |
| 13 | 90 |
| 14 | 56 |
| 15 | 85 |
| 16 | 158 |
| 17 | 91 |
| 18 | 135 |
| **Grand Total** | **1962 (+15)** |

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| **Region** | **DCS Case** |
| 1 | 108 |
| 2 | 80 |
| 3 | 113 |
| 4 | 119 |
| 5 | 44 |
| 6 | 52 |
| 7 | 131 |
| 8 | 119 |
| 9 | 63 |
| 10 | 150 |
| 11 | 123 |
| 12 | 41 |
| 13 | 71 |
| 14 | 44 |
| 15 | 80 |
| 16 | 146 |
| 17 | 88 |
| 18 | 112 |
| **Grand Total** | **1684 (+20)** |

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| **Region** | **JD/JS** |
| 1 | 22 |
| 2 | 12 |
| 3 | 36 |
| 4 | 25 |
| 5 | 12 |
| 6 | 12 |
| 7 | 15 |
| 8 | 18 |
| 9 | 16 |
| 10 | 8 |
| 11 | 9 |
| 12 | 19 |
| 13 | 19 |
| 14 | 12 |
| 15 | 5 |
| 16 | 12 |
| 17 | 3 |
| 18 | 23 |
| **Grand Total** | **278 (-5)** |

1. Questions received:

No questions were submitted for this meeting

Anything else?

**Next meeting: 7/19/24 @ 1:00 Eastern**

**THANK YOU!**