Licensing Child Placement Agency - Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: 5/4/22

**Caring for Black/Brown hair - Natalie Jeffries of Firefly and Child Alliance:**



A discussion was held regarding resources and information about the care of the hair of black/brown youth in foster care. Information about products, hair types, and other tips are included in the attachments above.

**Consultant Role Update – Nicci Chenowith:**

The consultant team is continuing to transition into that of a consultant role. At this time, Initial and Re-licensure requests will continue to be reviewed, but you will continue to see adaptations of how we are reviewing all other submission types. Amelia Champer is back from her leave and is now joining the team in her new position as my co-supervisor. She replaces Elisa Suarez’s previous position. We are still transitioning new consultants into their roles. Our last vacancy will be filled on May 16th.  A list of the assigned consultants will be provided in the meeting notes. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me or Amelia.

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| **Supervising Agency** | **Foster Care Consultant** | **Consultant Supervisor** |
| DCS 1 - North | Isabel Whited | Amelia Champer |
| CHOICES COORDINATED CARE SOLUTIONS INC | Isabel Whited | Amelia Champer |
| THE FAMILY COMPASS INC | Isabel Whited | Amelia Champer |
| DCS 2 - Central | Helen Williams | Amelia Champer |
| SPECIALIZED ALTERNATIVES FOR (SAFY) | Helen Williams | Amelia Champer |
| DCS 3 - South | Britney Mitchell | Amelia Champer |
| DEBRA CORN SPECIALIZED FAMILY CARE INC | Britney Mitchell | Amelia Champer |
| NATIONAL YOUTH ADVOCATE | Vacancy/Helen Williams\* | Nicci Chenowith |
| INTERACT FAMILY SERVICES INC | Vacancy/Britney Mitchell\* | Nicci Chenowith |
| KIDS PEACE NATIONAL CENTERS OF NORTH AME | Crystal Thompson | Amelia Champer |
| ADULT AND CHILD MENTAL HEALTH CENTER INC | Crystal Thompson | Amelia Champer |
| CHILDREN'S BUREAU | Crystal Thompson | Amelia Champer |
| DAMAR SERVICES INC | Crystal Thompson | Amelia Champer |
| BENCHMARK FAMILY SERVICES INC | Emily Young/Nicci\* | Nicci Chenowith |
| PSI SERVICES OF INDIANA INC | Emily Young/Nicci\* | Nicci Chenowith |
| DOCKSIDE SERVICES INC.(Pathways) | Emily Young/Nicci\* | Nicci Chenowith |
| CENTERSTONE OF INDIANA INC(Foster Care Select) | Heather Harris | Nicci Chenowith |
| OPEN ARMS CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES | Heather Harris | Nicci Chenowith |
| CAMPAGNA ACADEMY | Heather Harris | Nicci Chenowith |
| INTRINSIC HOME CARE | Heather Harris | Nicci Chenowith |
| VILLAGES OF INDIANA INC | Octavia Lee | Nicci Chenowith |
| GATEWAY WOODS FAMILY SERVICES INC | Octavia Lee | Nicci Chenowith |
| BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES | Rhoda (Nicki) Cranfill | Nicci Chenowith |
| MERIDIAN HEALTH SERVICES CORP(Foster Hope) | Rhoda (Nicki) Cranfill | Nicci Chenowith |
| MIDWEST INSTITUTE INC | Rhoda (Nicki) Cranfill | Nicci Chenowith |
| BASHOR HOME OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH | Rhoda (Nicki) Cranfill | Nicci Chenowith |
| SCAN, INC | Rhoda (Nicki) Cranfill | Nicci Chenowith |
| WRFS SERVICES LLC | Danyele Johnson | Amelia Champer |
| STEPSTONE (rescare) | Danyele Johnson | Amelia Champer |
| INDIANA MENTOR | Danyele Johnson | Amelia Champer |
| FAMILY ARK INC | Danyele Johnson | Amelia Champer |
| SEEDS OF LIFE INC | Danyele Johnson | Amelia Champer |
| CHILDPLACE INC | Danyele Johnson | Amelia Champer |

579 overdue annuals; Each consultant has been and will continue to communicate with your agencies regarding these overdue annuals. The goal is to get this data cleaned up by July 2022. The Consultants are documenting this progress.

Upcoming training information: (SAFE Trainings remain virtual)

May 9 and 10: SAFE 2 day

May 11: SAFE Supervisor

July 11 and 12: SAFE 2 day

July 13: SAFE Supervisor

October 17: SAFE Refresher (tentative, by demand)

October 18 and 19: SAFE 2 day

October 20: SAFE Supervisor (tentative, by demand)

The Foster Parent Survey is currently available in the Foster Care Portal and will be available until next week. Please encourage all licensed foster parents to complete the survey. The information gained from their feedback allows us to make systematic improvements.

Questions? Please contact [Nicci.Chenowith@dcs.in.gov](mailto:Nicci.Chenowith@dcs.in.gov) or [Amelia.Champer@dcs.in.gov](mailto:Amelia.Champer@dcs.in.gov)

**Aftercare Services – Lakeesha Edwards of Campagna Academy:**



Lakeesha Edwards shared information related to Campagna Academy’s Aftercare Services program. Information from her presentation is in the attachment above.

**Co-Care Event Myth Barriers virtual event on May 13 from 10:30 to 12:00!!**

* Link to the Microsoft Teams event [here](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MGNjYjg5YzEtNzA4Yi00YjdmLWI4ZmUtYzJlNDUwOTFkMzJi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%222199bfba-a409-4f13-b0c4-18b45933d88d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22d574f05b-a28b-40cb-bb87-64c7342e4eaa%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3atrue%7d&btype=a&role=a)

**Super Saturdays Update – Chatney Grice:**

Grace Chatney will soon send an updated flyer describing Super Saturdays.

Next Super Saturday will be held on 5/21/22.

Expect to find new speakers and topics at Super Saturdays including:

1. CANS Assessment
2. Child Care Assessments
3. Co – Care information
4. DCS Resource information…example is Food, Mood and Behavior.
5. Kids Voice, Lawyers in attendance to answer adoption.
6. SAFE Sleep information.

Support groups for Kinship Care givers is needed.

**Alternative Trainings – Chatney Grice:**

Encourage Foster Partner to send their request of books/movies to determine if the resources are acceptable for alternative trainings. This information can be sent to Chatney.Grice@dcs.IN.gov

**Travel Mileage Reimbursement:**

There has been an update to mileage reimbursement. The updated invoice is below.



**Next meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2022 at 1:00pm.**