

Support Group Services for Resource Families

Location: Office or facility

Client: Resource Parents

Duration: Moderate – referrals are created for six months

Payer: DCS

Summary:

This service provides face-to-face support group services to local resource parents. The Coordinator will record the topic(s) of discussion and keep a sign-in sheet for each support group meeting. Child care should be provided if requested by families attending support group meetings.

Support group services will be designed to assist resource families in strengthening their relationships with foster children placed in their homes, as well as to promote positive relationships between foster families and the local DCS Family Case Managers and Regional Foster Care Specialists. Support group services will also focus on enhancing placement stability, and promoting foster families' willingness and ability to foster special needs children and older youth that come into care. The Coordinator will collaborate with the Regional Foster Care Specialist(s) to invite prospective foster parents to the monthly support group meeting, in order for them to gain insight and information regarding the foster care program.