**Indiana Family Preservation Services**

**Agenda and Questions**

**October 1, 2021**

1. *Updates from Brian Goodwin, INFPS Evaluator*

*If you have any questions about the survey/evaluation, please email the R&E office hours email:* [*dcsresearchofficehours@dcs.in.gov*](mailto:dcsresearchofficehours@dcs.in.gov)

*Please note, the Office Hours scheduled for 10/6 are being postponed.*

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

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

1. Current referral information: *(as of 10/1/21)*

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| **Regions** | **Family Pres Case Count** |
| 1 | 178 |
| 10 | 217 |
| 11 | 133 |
| 12 | 73 |
| 13 | 73 |
| 14 | 47 |
| 15 | 69 |
| 16 | 110 |
| 17 | 87 |
| 18 | 127 |
| 2 | 63 |
| 3 | 89 |
| 4 | 98 |
| 5 | 61 |
| 6 | 60 |
| 7 | 101 |
| 8 | 77 |
| 9 | 65 |
| **Grand Total** | **1728** |

*IV. EBP discussion—Please, please, please make sure that if you select an EBP on your survey that your reports have documentation to reflect that you did use that EBP.*

1. *Reminder on naming conventions---please upload your reports to KidTraks using the following naming convention (for example):* **June2020\_FamPresPerDiem\_JohnSmith**
2. *Presentation from Caryn Burton, Training Coordinator, Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV)*
   1. <https://www.cebc4cw.org/program/domestic-abuse-intervention-project/>
   2. [*https://icadvinc.org*](https://icadvinc.org)
      1. *See the “Find Help” link*
3. ***Family Preservation Census*** *(Crystal Whitis* [*crystal.whitis@dcs.in.gov*](mailto:crystal.whitis@dcs.in.gov) *)*

*Link:*[*https://forms.office.com/g/eD3k56Sjd2*](https://forms.office.com/g/eD3k56Sjd2)

*Provider Feedback:  Bowen & Lifeline*

*Census Live Date: Monday, October 11, 2021*

1. We have been collecting EBP information from providers. We are using this information for a data base for FCM’s to use when creating Family Preservation referrals.
2. If you were unable to send in your information or don’t remember if you did, please go ahead and send that so that we can have all providers involved in this database.
3. Link above is where you can update your census information.
   * + 1. -If we are a statewide agency, can we enter updates for each region?
          1. We set it up so that Census information would be updated by County rather than by region. We did this because we wanted FCMs to have the most accurate info about Availability. So, in order to do that, each County needed to be entered separately.
       2. Is there any thought as to a way of updating availability for specific EBP’s within each agency for each Region?
          1. Send an email to Crystal, let her know of the update so that this can be changed in the application. We can do that; we are looking into making this available. We do want FCM’s to be able to say, these are the presenting needs without deciding the best treatment.
       3. -Does the census change as the referrals are made?
          1. In the moment the system does not talk to KidTraks, a new referral going out does not change the census information. We encourage the provider to update the census as changes are made.
4. Questions submitted:

We will revisit these during our next meeting on 10/15/2021.

* + - 1. We have a few cases where the family we are serving includes both a survivor and a batterer. We are concerned about documentation of these services and how to maintain safety for the survivor. All monthly reports/treatment plans for FPS services include all notes and information about all services provided under the referral. As a member of the referral, the batterer has access to notes, treatment planning, etc. that relate to the survivor. Obviously, there are safety concerns regarding this. The local CFTs are aware of the concerns and need to ensure safety. Given the training last call, does the Department have a recommendation on how agencies should handle documenting all services provided but keeping survivor/batterer information separate? This is only a concern with FPS where both parties are on the same referral.
         1. This is a safety concern. If you are working with both parties, how you keep notes and provide information is internal. In cases where both parties are part of the referral you should work to bifurcate that information. Ideally different providers would address the survivor vs. the batterer.
         2. It is not uncommon for INFPS cases to have more than one report--one for each parent, and that would for sure be the case if there is DV (or SUD information that is protected)
      2. Our agency offers Motivational Interviewing which can be used to address components of domestic violence. If our staff completes the 20 hour training through ICADV, is this a sufficient combination to accept DV referrals, since the ICADV is a training and not an evidence based model.
         1. The coalition recommends a batterer’s intervention model. DCS sets standards based on BIP standards.
      3. Assuming the answer to the first question is yes, if we found Motivational Interviewing was not sufficient enough for the batterer, am I correct that we would then ask the FCM to issue an outside referral for a batterers intervention service?

1. Anything else?
   1. Does every single family member’s name have to be listed on the referralto participate in Family Preservation Services?
      1. To be included in the determination of the per diem, the child needs to be formally involved in the case, meaning that they are included in the CHINS petition or listed in the Informal Adjustment agreement. Just being on the referral doesn't mean that they are formally involved in the case and thus a part of the per diem, but, these are FAMILY-BASED services, so, everyone in the family should be involved in the delivery of family preservation services.
   2. Our agency provides DV services so we cannot refer to another agency for DV services when we have both a batterer and victim on an FPS case. The clinician working with the victim is not working with the batterer, but because it is one family, on one referral, he has access to her notes. This is our problem. We want to ensure her safety.
      1. You can author two reports in that scenario.

Next meeting 10/15/2021 @ 1:00 EDT

THANK YOU!