**Indiana Family Preservation Services**

**Agenda and Questions**

**October 21, 2022**

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>

* Please submit monthly!

1. DCS received formal approval of our 5-year Title IV-E Prevention Plan on June 30. While the specific models that were approved include the following, **providers delivering INFPS should continue to deliver this service as they have been with no change needed…**
   1. Motivational Interviewing
   2. Parents as Teachers
   3. Functional Family Therapy
   4. Healthy Families America/Indiana
   5. TF-CBT
2. Current case information: *(as of 10/20/22)*

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| **Regions** | **Family Pres Case Count** |
| 1 | 124 |
| 2 | 48 |
| 3 | 78 |
| 4 | 98 |
| 5 | 35 |
| 6 | 32 |
| 7 | 127 |
| 8 | 114 |
| 9 | 37 |
| 10 | 165 |
| 11 | 75 |
| 12 | 55 |
| 13 | 53 |
| 14 | 44 |
| 15 | 77 |
| 16 | 103 |
| 17 | 63 |
| 18 | 86 |
| **Grand Total** | **1414** |

*Down 11 from last meeting.*

1. Updated Family Pres numbers:

We’ve now served 8,299 families, and 16,911 kids.

5,806 families and 11,955 have had at least 90 days of services.

8.27% have had a substantiated repeated maltreatment event

8.91% have had a removal

REPEAT MALTREATMENT:

American Indian: can’t report (number too small)

Asian: can’t report (number too small)

Hispanic/Latino: 7.44%

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander: can’t report (number too small)

Unknown: can’t report (number too small)

White: 8.99%

Black: 6.79%

REMOVAL BY RACE:

American Indian: can’t report (number too small)

Asian: can’t report (number too small)

Hispanic/Latino: 8.28%

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander: can’t report (number too small)

Unknown: can’t report (number too small)

White: 9.75%

Black: 6.35%

* Not currently tracking by socioeconomic status, but revisiting how we may be able to do that in the future. Potentially based on eligibility for assistance
* How are concrete supports impacting families?
  + Utilities, transportation, etc. can make an impact on families

1. Updated DCS data on case numbers…

Current number of kids in out-of-home care: 9,402 (Lowest since March 2013)

Number of kids in out-of-home care down 27.4% since launch on 6/1/20, from 12,956 to 9,402

Absence of Repeat Maltreatment above federal standard (94.6%) 8 months in a row, and over 95% for 7 months in a row—first time we’ve done that since December 2010 – June 2011.

Absence of Repeat Maltreatment was at 93.6% at launch…now it is 95.30%.

Total DCS CHINS cases—12,428, a new all-time low (going back to December 2009)

Down 48.3% from all-time high of 24,054 in September 2017 (just 61 months ago).

Down 28.7% since program launch on June 1, 20 (just 28 months ago—from 17,430 to 12,428)

1. Questions received:
2. If the judge requests supervised visitation for a parent that is not in the home with the child, would this be part of family preservation? Or a separate referral?
   1. When appropriate, we would want all family members to be included in services. If the other parent lives nearby and visitation is limited (an hour per week, for example), it may be reasonable to do this with Family Preservation. If the parent out of the home does not live nearby and transportation is necessary, and/or if extensive visitation hours are ordered, a separate referral may be necessary.
   2. For a specific answer, talk to the FCM, Regional Services Coordinator, or email [referral@dcs.in.gov](mailto:referral@dcs.in.gov)
3. Is there a contact in DCS that reviews cases from a quality review standpoint that we can refer a case to be reviewed. Specifically, we have a case we are on that we gathered the DCS lawyer, DCS CM, DCS Supervisor, and the LOD. We have also gathered the assistance of our local Board of Health and APS. We feel like we are getting somewhere. However, we have MAJOR concerns on how this case got to this point - talking 12 previous substantiations on this family and this case we are the 13 sub on this family
   1. We may need more information outside of this meeting
   2. As a provider, all of your communication should be consistent and clear – court testimony, reports, emails, etc. should clearly outline concerns with the family as well as successes and progress
4. Is Family Preservation for 6 months?
   1. Per policy, an Informal Adjustment only lasts six months, but can be extended.
   2. Family Preservation should remain in place for the life of the case, unless the child is formally and indefinitely removed from the home.
   3. The original Family Preservation referral can be extended, new referrals are not needed every six months.
5. We had a Family Pres referral and mom went to the residential program with our agency. Family Pres was canceled, although we indicated that we can do the residential services and keep Family Pres in place because it was a temporary situation. What do we do?
   1. Email [childwelfareplan@dcs.in.gov](mailto:childwelfareplan@dcs.in.gov)
6. What is the therapist caseload on Family Preservation?
   1. 12 maximum – but may be lower if the EBP you are using calls for a lower limit
   2. 12 active cases, seen at least weekly
7. What can an agency do to increase cases?
   1. Referrals are driven by the provider’s outcomes and relationships with DCS offices.
      1. Have you gotten to know the FCM’s or supervisors at your local DCS office?
      2. Have you worked on improving your outcomes?

Anything else?

**Next meeting: We are moving this to Monthly meetings going forward, with the meeting to be held on the 3rd Friday of each month. Next meeting: 11/18/22 @ 1:00 Eastern**

**THANK YOU!**