LCPA Monthly Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 7-6-22

**Update to Discussion regarding access to appropriate hair and skin care products for children of color in DCS care – Gretchen Grier:**

Contact for Gretchen Grier: Gretchen.grier@dcs.in.gov

Sigma Gamma Rho, a National Black sorority, founded in Indianapolis, will be providing a grant to assist DCS foster youth with accessing appropriate hair and skin care products. Sigma Gamma Rho has partnered with Hands of Hope for Hair Care. The referral process for hair care opportunities is forthcoming and information will be provided at a future date.

For questions and information on how to use the grant funds contact [Gretchen.Grier@dcs.in.gov](mailto:Gretchen.Grier@dcs.in.gov)

**SGR Block Party – Gretchen Grier:**



Enclosed above is a flyer regarding a Block Party to be held Wednesday July 13, 2022 at Victory Field from 5:00 to 10:00 PM.

**IARCA Sponsored Foster Parent Group – Amanda Brilles and Ann Davis:**

IARCA has worked to establish a Foster Parent Community on Facebook with the hope of helping foster parents, or those interested in fostering, to connect with other parents to share ideas and tips. Encouraging providers to join as well to be available to answer questions and can also use the community to get the word out about events.

If you are interested in being a co-moderator for the IARCA Foster Parent Group please email: [Abrilles@iarca.org](mailto:Abrilles@iarca.org)

The contact for the IARCA website: [www.facebook.com/groups/indianafosterparentcommunity/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/indianafosterparentcommunity/)

**Swim Clinic with Olympic swimmers as teachers:**

A swim clinic will take place with Olympic swimmers July 13, 2022 from 8:00 to 12:00pm. Location will be IUPUI Natatorium on 901 West New York Street in Indianapolis 46202. Phone number is 317-274-0336. Olympic swimmers will be present to teach youth at all skill levels how to swim.

Registration for the swimming clinic is now open and on-line. Please Google Gamma Rho Swim Clinic 2022 you will see a registration form under alphasigma.org.

**IDOA Mileage Reimbursement Update – Whitney Vowels:**

A memo was sent 6/15/22 stating that there is a 40 cent increase per mileage reimbursement. The effective date of mileage reimbursement will be effective from 6/1/22.

The enclosed link below has the travel invoice.



**Medicaid Dental Providers for Youth in Foster Care – Scott Piller of FSSA**:

Scott Piller (FSSA/OMPP Provider Relations) in June 2022 has joined a panel of Dental Providers. Want to ensure that providers and agencies are aware of dental services available for foster youth.

**For information please reference the following link:**

[**https://www.in.gov/medicaid/members/**](https://www.in.gov/medicaid/members/)

**Partnering on Practice Forum (Aimee Eckstein):**

A Partnering on Practice Forum will be conducted by the supervisor of Practice unit.

Dates: July 19, September 20 and November 15

Time: 10:00 EST

**Link to be sent the invite:** <https://forms.office.com/g/RcKwPh51mz>

**Link to event:**[Click here to join the meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NjEyOGQ0NmItZWEzZS00YWJkLWEzZGMtMDEyMjBiOGY5ZjQ0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%222199bfba-a409-4f13-b0c4-18b45933d88d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2238d6526b-c193-4311-ad78-18d07b1f9dd9%22%7d)

Contacts for questions/additional information: Amy Waltermire [amy.waltermire@dcs.in.gov](mailto:amy.waltermire@dcs.in.gov)

Aimee Eckstein [aimee.eckstein@dcs.in.gov](mailto:aimee.eckstein@dcs.in.gov)

There are no limits to the attendees being invited to attend the Partnering on Practice Forum.

**Upcoming meeting on potential Foster Care Recruitment Resource – David Reed:**

A not-for-profit group called The Contingent has done some work in other states with regard to recruiting foster parents and have shown a good amount of success. Director Stigdon connected with their program and has invited them to Indiana to speak in more detail about their work in an effort to explore the possibility for Indiana. A meeting and information session will be held at the Indiana Government Center.

Presentation Date: July 18, 2022

Time: 10am to 1pm (Eastern)

Location: IGCS Building at the Auditorium on the first floor.

**Initial Licenses Checklist and Dates for Results of Background Checks – Whitney Vowels:**

A pattern is being seen among LCPA audits of Foster Care licenses in MaGIK which is showing a license start date prior to Background Checks coming back and clear of offenses. The license start date is created based on the last date entered on the Initial Checklist. Having homes licensed in the system prior to the dates the required background checks cleared can cause several issues, including possible IV-E concerns.

Want to make sure your agencies are:

1. Entering dates into the checklist that reflect when the checks were **returned** (not submitted, filed, etc.)
2. If multiple checks are completed in the same category (i.e. CPS Checks where both an IN check and an out of state check are required), please make sure you enter the date that the last check came back and was clear.

**SAFE Registration Dates – Nicci Chenowith:**

The email has been sent regarding SAFE registration beginning July 11. Please check your Junk folder for the email if you did not receive it.

Contact Julie Klingenberger for questions at [Julie.Klingenberger@dcs.in.gov](mailto:Julie.Klingenberger@dcs.in.gov) for SAFE training classes.

August 17: Refresher SAFE training. Maximum 40 people.

October 20: Interview training

October 21: SAFE Supervisor training

\*Meetings held virtually

**Overdue Annuals – Nicci Chenowith:**

In May 2022 there was regular communication with LCPAs regarding any Overdue Annual Reports.

Currently there are 446 Overdue Annual Reports.

Good progress is being made regarding the number of duplicates in the system.

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

**Indiana Prevention Plan**

Indiana Prevention Plan was approved for the receipt of federal funding as of June 30, 2022.

Next LCPA meeting: 8/3/22 at 1pm to 2pm EST.