**Indiana Family Preservation Services**

**Agenda and Questions**

**January 20, 2023**

1. Happy New Year! 2022 was a remarkable year for the work we’ve collectively done, and DCS is very grateful for your efforts to help keep more families in Indiana safely together!
2. 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. New formal evaluation, and new surveys! Assistant Deputy Director of Research and Evaluation Aubrey Kearney to discuss.
   * Sample of families instead of every family, we will let providers know who the samples are that need a survey submitted for each month. This will come by email with a link.
   * Changes made to the survey
   * Survey more user friendly
   * fewer pages
   * electronic in Survey Monkey
   * First survey emails will be sent out starting the third week of February to report January data
   * Point of contact will be the contact person for each agency
   * You will receive an email with a list of children/families we need your agency to complete a survey for
   * If you do not get an email list you will not need to complete the survey for the month
   * Statewide sample
   * The sample will only include families that have never had prior involvement before the case opened, so the number of families/children will be much smaller than last time.
   * If you do not get an email with a list of families then you will not have any surveys to complete, you can reach out if you want to make sure you do not have any to complete.
   * The survey collection cycle will be until the case closes or if the child is formally removed (and the FPS referral is closed)
   * The population will be selected from 1/1/2023 through 4/1/2023.
   * The survey will measure the same information as last time with some additional questions regarding concrete supports.
   * Questions can be sent to
     + [Brian.goodwin@dcs.in.gov](mailto:Brian.goodwin@dcs.in.gov)
     + [Aubrey.kearney@dcs.in.gov](mailto:Aubrey.kearney@dcs.in.gov)
2. Current case information: *(as of 1/19/23)*

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| **Regions** | **Family Pres Case Count** |
| 1 | 107 |
| 2 | 48 |
| 3 | 66 |
| 4 | 112 |
| 5 | 34 |
| 6 | 48 |
| 7 | 133 |
| 8 | 106 |
| 9 | 46 |
| 10 | 135 |
| 11 | 69 |
| 12 | 67 |
| 13 | 72 |
| 14 | 41 |
| 15 | 84 |
| 16 | 99 |
| 17 | 60 |
| 18 | 97 |
| **Grand Total** | **1424** |

*Up* ***61 cases*** *from last meeting.*

1. *Probation Access to INFPS (Don Travis to be present for the meeting).*
2. *Update on probation referrals*
   1. 21 JD/JS cases so far
   2. Parents and the child should be included on these referrals
   3. In the Services Hub – answer ‘yes’ if you are able and willing to accept probation involved youth for Family Preservation
      1. Many probation services are for youth only, but this should include families
      2. If families are resistant to involvement, reach out to the PO, Probation Consultant, or DCS Child Welfare Plan – we may need to use different services
      3. May also utilize parent participation order
3. *Discussion of target population*
   1. Children who are at risk for residential placement, not including children on Informal Adjustments
   2. INFPS will continue through a temporary removal
   3. EBP may allow you to complete virtual work to fidelity so you will need to review the expectations of the model you are using
4. *Service standard changes for probation-referred youth*
   1. There were different clearinghouses for JD/JS updated on the Service Standard
   2. There are no changes regarding concrete supports with Probation cases
   3. Still up to 12 cases or whatever the EBP limits (if that is lower)
5. Lookback on 2022 and INFPS:

*5/31/2020 (day before launch):*

* *7,776 in-home cases*
* *12,956 out-of-home cases*
* *93.60% absence of repeat maltreatment percentage (94.6% fed target, which hadn’t been hit since December 2011)*
* *747 CHINS in residential*

*12/31/2022 (31 months since launch):*

* *4,761 in-home cases (down 38.8%, and basically lowest ever; 4,662 in 11/2022)*
* *8,852 out-of-home (down 31.7%, only 286 above all-time low of 8,556 in 8/2012)*
* *95.29% absence of repeat maltreatment, and 10 months in a row over 95%. We had not hit 95% one time for 122 months in a row prior to March 2022.*
* *450 CHINS in residential (down 39.8%, and basically lowest ever; 433 in 8/2022)*

*More stats:*

* *Indiana has had 22 straight months of a reduction in OOH (going back to Feb. 2021), and 29 of 31 months have had a reduction since launch. 3 of the 5 months that preceded launch had an* ***increase*** *in OOH.*
* *The two months with increases since launch were 9/2020 (up 0.13%) and 2/2021 (up 0.20%).*
* *The largest monthly reduction was* ***December 2022*** *of 3.43%, breaking the previous largest monthly reduction of 2.74% from* ***November 2022****.*
* *There have been 5 months in a row of increasing rates of reduction (8/22, 0.98%; 9/22, 1.11%; 10/22, 1.37%; 11/22, 2.74%; 12/22, 3.43%)*
* *Every month in 2022 had a reduction with an overall reduction of 16.7%. Every month but January exceeded the federal target for safety.*

1. Questions received:

There were no questions received during for this meeting.

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: 2/17/23 @ 1:00 Eastern**

**THANK YOU!**