**Indiana Family Preservation Services**

**Agenda and Questions**

**December 16, 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>

1. Current case information: *(as of 12/15/22)*

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| **Regions** | **Family Pres Case Count** |
| 1 | 105 |
| 2 | 49 |
| 3 | 69 |
| 4 | 98 |
| 5 | 31 |
| 6 | 39 |
| 7 | 124 |
| 8 | 110 |
| 9 | 30 |
| 10 | 150 |
| 11 | 65 |
| 12 | 64 |
| 13 | 60 |
| 14 | 40 |
| 15 | 85 |
| 16 | 103 |
| 17 | 60 |
| 18 | 81 |
| **Grand Total** | **1363** |

*Down 6 from last meeting.*

1. *JD discussion – timeline – discussion and concerns?*
2. Updated Family Pres numbers:

We’ve now served 8,734 families, and 17,823 kids.

6,120 families and 12,570 have had at least 90 days of services.

8.62% have had a substantiated repeated maltreatment event

9.00% have had a removal

REPEAT MALTREATMENT:

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

Asian: can’t report (number too small)

Hispanic/Latino: 8.01%

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

Unknown: can’t report (number too small)

White: 9.43%

Black: 6.81%

REMOVAL BY RACE:

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

Asian: can’t report (number too small)

Hispanic/Latino: 8.37%

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

Unknown: can’t report (number too small)

White: 9.86%

Black: 6.66%

**YOU SHOULD ALL BE GETTING MONTHLY REPORTS WITH YOUR AGENCY’S DATA. IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING YOUR REPORTS, PLEASE REACH OUT TO ME AND WE WILL ENSURE YOU GET THEM.**

1. Updated DCS data on case numbers…

Absence of Repeat Maltreatment was at 93.6% at launch…now it is 95.40%.

Total DCS CHINS cases—12,004, another new all-time low (going back to December 2009)

(I DID NOT UPDATE THE BELOW TO REFLECT THE ABOVE!)

Down 49.2% from all-time high of 24,054 in September 2017 (just 62 months ago).

Down 30.0% since program launch on June 1, 20 (just 28 months ago—from 17,430 to 12,220)

1. Questions received:
2. We received a FP referral that lists both bio mom and dad on the referral.  Dad does not live in the home (lives in a different county that we do not serve).  FCM stated in referral she wants the therapist to work on communication between parents.  This could be done virtually.  Question- Because Dad is on the referral, according to FP guidelines, are we required to do a safety checklist in his home even though the children do not live there?  (Again, he lives in a different county than we serve).  Just making sure we are following protocol.
   1. You would not need to do safety checks on the home if the children do not live there. There may potentially be a unique request if kids are going to visit dad, or if they will be there for a long period of time, but this would not be regular
   2. Services to increase communication with parents could certainly be virtual
3. If both parents are on the referral, but children are primarily with mother, should dad be on the referral? Or should he get traditional services?
   1. Dad can be on the referral for family services – but you may need more clarification of that
   2. An example is that dad lives several counties away and not in the home. Family Pres with mom and kids in the home, we encouraged additional referrals for dad to work on substance use – it was not expected in the Family Pres referral
4. What if the kids go back and forth to parents homes with equal time?
   1. There are limited circumstances in which we would allow two Family Pres referrals – one for dad’s household and one for mom’s household. Both referrals would have the same expectations (safety checks, face to face visits, etc)
   2. In some cases, it’s better to do one FPS and supplement with HBCW/HBT or whatever other needs present in the other parent’s home
5. Who should be on the Family Pres referral?
   1. All caregivers in the home should be on the referral. If grandparents are in the home, they should be on the referral
   2. If you already have a referral in place and find that there are other adults in the home – you can continue to serve the family with the additional caregivers, and do not need a new referral
6. For Probation INFPS will the referrals include the parents and will the pier diem be the same?
   1. Per Diem will be the same – referred children will be the ‘count’ for per diem amount
      1. ONLY JD/JS youth would be referred, but other children in the home will be mentioned in the body of the referral
   2. If we didn’t add probation cases to the existing INFPS program, we would have to do a new RFP and ask providers to respond separately – we did not want to do that.
   3. Parents should absolutely be on the referral and participating in services
   4. If you are working a referral and parents are refusing to participate, no matter how much you work to engage, the referral may need to end
      1. This would be a last resort
      2. What level are the parents actually participating? Transportation, presence but lack of engagement, etc.?
      3. May need more conversation with Probation Consultants in these situations
      4. Program will only be successful if parents are involved
   5. Services Hub
      1. POs do not have access to the Services Hub
      2. We will work to see if we can get a ‘mark’ on the Services Hub for providers willing to serve JD/JS cases
   6. Juvenile Justice has a page on the DCS website with more information about how to contact the DCS Probation Consultants: <https://www.in.gov/dcs/juvenile-justice-initiatives/>
   7. Placement history expectations will remain the same – if the youth had a short term temporary placement (ESC, D&E) they can still qualify for Probation FPS
   8. We believe this will begin with new cases, beginning Jan. 1
      1. There may be some exceptions to allow existing cases to begin FPS (new cases with few or no services in place)
   9. Do we need approval/update DCS on the new evidenced based model that we will be using for Juvenile Probation referred families?
      1. Good question – we will keep working on what that might look like
      2. Several EBPs cross over between clearinghouses
   10. Will FPS close when the PO case closes or can they close FPS at any time?
       1. Should close with case closure, just like CHINS FPS
   11. JD/JS cases will be reported separately in the Tableau report
       1. Working on developing a different Tableau report for the JD/JS cases
       2. It will be important to keep data separate, as we may be measuring different things
   12. Do JD/JS cases use a CFTM model or something similar?
       1. CFTMs are a DCS practice model, so JD/JS cases may not do this – it would likely be dependent on the county practice
       2. You may find there are more case conferences than CFTM type meetings

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: 1/20/23 @ 1:00 Eastern**

**THANK YOU!**