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WHAT IS CCR?



California's Continuum Care Reform (CCR) or Assembly Bill 403 calls for a comprehensive approach to improving the experience and outcomes for children and youth in foster care by reducing use of congregate care placement settings; increasing use of home-based family care; and decreasing the length of time to achieve permanency.

OUR PRINCIPAL TENETS:

- Prioritizing home based delivery of services
- Redefining the purpose of group home care to short-term residential treatment
- Teaming service providers with children and families in a manner that ensures that families' voices are heard
- Ensuring children's early access to specialized mental health services irrespective of their placement setting

OUR GOALS:

- Decrease the number of children in care, particularly in congregate care
- Decrease children's length of stay in care
- Increase placements of children among relatives and family friends
- Increase timely reunification of children with their biological parents



WHERE DO WE START?

RESOURCE FAMILY APPROVAL

- Streamline the resource families process;
- Pre and post approval training for all families;
- Includes procedure for the emergency placement of a child with a relative or non related extended family member prior to resource family approval;

FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES

- All Foster Family Agencies will be required to be accredited in the next 2 years.
- New license and rate system for FFA
- FFA's will be required to be certified to provide specialty mental health services or ensure access to specialty mental health services.
- Must make Core Services available
Services include: (Transitional services, education, physical, behavioral, mental health and extracurricular support, transition to adulthood, permanency supports, active efforts for ICWA eligible children)

GROUP HOME TRANSITION TO SHORT TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAMS (STRTP)

- Current group homes must be nationally accredited by 2019.
- Current group homes must have a contract with mental health and be certified to provide specialty mental health services (EPSDT) by 2019.
- Current group homes must demonstrate a capacity to meet the treatment level needs of children and make available an array of "core services".
- STRTP's will be required to directly or through organizational relationships, approve resource families in order to ensure that all children residing in the facility have a plan in place for their return to a home based family setting.
- A new rate structure has been developed for STRTP's to reflect the changes.
- Requires and Interagency Screening Committee to approve placement.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY TEAMING

- CCR formalized the practice and clarified the role of the child and family team. It requires that the child and family team, which includes the child, youth and family, and their formal and informal support network, be the foundation for ensuring these perspectives are incorporated throughout the duration of the case.
- A child and family team is defined as a group of individuals who are convened by the placing agency and who are engaged through a variety of team-based processes to identify the strengths and needs of the child or youth and his or her family, and to help achieve positive outcomes for the safety, permanency, and well-being.
- Placing agencies will utilize child and family teams for all out-of-home placement case planning purposes and in an effort to continuously assess needs.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions regarding our project timeline or process, please contact:

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