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*"Children will live in safe, healthy and supportive families and communities."*

*If you suspect a child is being abused or neglected, call the Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline at (800) 800-5556.*

## Residential & DCS Monthly Meeting

**Date:** 2/13/2025; 2:00PM- 3:00PM TEAMS

### **Residential Licensing Team Update** (Ashlee Prewitt)

- Doubled Residential Licensing team.
- Hired a third supervisor – Kim Aufderheide RLS Supervisor for southern portion of the State

### **Contract Extension Amendment** (Crystal Byrne)

- Working with IARCA and Residential Providers.
- Extension Amendment will be sent from DCS Legal Contract. Extended to at least 60 days. Please sign and return as soon as possible.
- Questions contact Crystal or Ashlee.
- Thank you to Providers who attended meetings to discuss contract points.

### **Intensive Foster Care Services** (David Reed)

- David Reed out today but provided some updates.
- Currently 112 children are in the program, covering all regions.
- Includes increased per diem and increased support services.
- 85% of youth in the program are in the placement component. The other 15% are in the preplacement component.
- Would love to hear feedback from Providers on how the program is functioning.
- If you have identified youth in long term programs completing the program and ready to step down that are lingering, encouraging Providers to reach out to Clinical Consultant to discuss if IFCS would be an option.
- Feedback during the call –
  - o You can also contact Rebecca Roy to consider a youth.

### **Overview of Technical Assistance** (Crystal Byrne)

- Continue to move in the direction of recommendation from HMA.
- Not IT assistance.
- A term used throughout residential treatment in the country.
- Implement technical assistance into the array of support in providing services.
- Example of background checks resulting in one non-compliance and corrective action was issued. We are now striving to work with an agency to offer assistance on issues incurring to complete the background check and request consultation to include HR for technical assistance.
- Please reach out and ask about technical assistance. RLS are also available to offer technical assistance in lieu of issuing non-compliance or corrective action.
- This will be housed under support and not corrective action.



***About Indiana DCS:** The Indiana Department of Child Services leads the state's response to allegations of child abuse and neglect and facilitates child support payments. We consider the needs and values of all we serve in our efforts to protect children while keeping families together whenever possible.*

**Elopement Definition (Crystal Byrne)**

- Working on Attachment 3 of Residential Provider Contract – critical incident definitions.
- Specifically working on Elopement definition.
- Current definition is very broad resulting in unnecessary reports of elopements.
- Reviewed elopement definition draft that Providers assisted in developing.

**Residential and Shelter Care Census Information (Crystal Byrne)**

- Shared graphs for Total Youth in Residential by Case Type
  - o 993 total, 525 DCS, 468 Probation
- Total DCS & Probation Youth by Specialized Program Type
  - o Secure General Residential – 226
  - o Development and Intellectual Disabilities – 175
  - o General Residential – 125
  - o Emergency Shelter Care - 107
  - o Staff Secure Intensive Residential – 87
  - o Sexually Harmful Behavior programs – 84
  - o Drug and Alcohol - 82
  - o Stabilization and D&E – 56
  - o Sex Traffic – 22
  - o Independent Living Step Down - 15
  - o Short term Diagnostic and Evaluation - 9
  - o Teem Mom and Baby – 5
- Have a high need for Development and Intellectual Disabilities programs.
- No Sexually Harmful Behavior programs with target population for females. Additional information will be provided on needs within the state.
- Conduct Disorders for females who have been sex trafficked is a hard population to find treatment programs.
- Probation Liaisons will begin tracking numbers for these populations that are denied or being sent out of state to assist with identify the level of need.

