**Indiana Family Preservation Services**

**Agenda and Questions**

**May 6, 2022**

1. Erin McCord, US Dept of Housing and Urban Development, to present on Family Unification Program housing vouchers.
   1. FUP family vouchers
      1. No time limit – can use voucher as long as they need it
   2. Youth aging out of foster care (18-24 who have left or soon to leave care)
      1. 36 month time limit
   3. Eligibility based on median income of geographic area
   4. Landlords are required to meet property safety expectations
   5. Vouchers do not pay for deposits
   6. See attached PowerPoint presentation
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. Please submit to Bridget or Child Welfare Plan monthly

1. Current case information: *(as of 5/5/22)*

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| **Regions** | **Family Pres Case Count** |
| 1 | 144 |
| 2 | 43 |
| 3 | 92 |
| 4 | 94 |
| 5 | 49 |
| 6 | 59 |
| 7 | 111 |
| 8 | 103 |
| 9 | 61 |
| 10 | 196 |
| 11 | 80 |
| 12 | 66 |
| 13 | 75 |
| 14 | 48 |
| 15 | 74 |
| 16 | 118 |
| 17 | 52 |
| 18 | 87 |
| **Grand Total** | **1552** |

*Up 1 cases from 4/22/22 meeting*

1. David Data Presentation (similar to what was shared during 4/29/22 “Family Pres Friday”)
   1. This was intended for DCS staff so not sharing a copy, but demonstrating what was provided to FCMs
   2. Metrics show positive results for Family Preservation
   3. Plans and Interventions should be individualized, not cookie cutter
   4. Providers determine how often families need intervention, DCS will measure outcomes
      * 1. Service providers should be trusted to provide necessary intervention
   5. Family Preservation Fridays will continue with FCMs
      1. As you encounter FCMs who don’t understand Family Preservation, point them to the website, trainings, and Family Pres Fridays, last Friday of every month
2. Questions received:
3. Our agency uses a certified Motivational Interviewing Network Trainer to train our staff. He states that there is no concrete age limit for using MI with clients. The California Clearinghouse says it is used with "Caregivers of children referred to the child welfare systems, as well as adolescents". And we know it is a great model for families in the child welfare program.

When doing Family Therapy, we sometimes want to include younger children in that time, which our MINT trainer says is absolutely appropriate, they might just not retain as much as the older children/adults due to their age.

I want to verify that we would not be at risk in an audit for including younger children during these sessions, since the CA Clearinghouse only says adults and adolescents.

* 1. This is acceptable, as Family Preservation is a Family Based Service
  2. Audit Team will not get into the details of the target population for each EBP you use
  3. Services, Evaluation, or federal government may ask how you are using your chosen EBPs to fidelity – you should be prepared to answer that question

1. Anything else?

**Next meeting 5/20/2022 @ 1:00 EST**

THANK YOU!