**Indiana Family Preservation Services**

**Agenda and Questions**

**July 8, 2022**

1. Concrete supports reminder—Please complete this form for any concrete spend, and send to Bridget McIntyre (*Bridget.McIntyre@dcs.in.gov*) or the Child Welfare Plan (*ChildWelfarePlan@dcs.in.gov*):

 <https://www.in.gov/dcs/files/Expense-Tracking-Agencies.xlsx>

1. DCS received formal approval of our 5-year Title IV-E Prevention Plan on June 30. While the specific models that were approved include the following, **providers delivering INFPS should continue to deliver this service as they have been with no change needed…**
	1. Motivational Interviewing
	2. Parents as Teachers
	3. Functional Family Therapy
	4. Healthy Families America/Indiana
2. Current case information: *(as of 7/7/22)*

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| **Regions** | **Family Pres Case Count** |
| 1 | 132 |
| 2 | 45 |
| 3 | 85 |
| 4 | 84 |
| 5 | 46 |
| 6 | 52 |
| 7 | 115 |
| 8 | 112 |
| 9 | 60 |
| 10 | 180 |
| 11 | 76 |
| 12 | 69 |
| 13 | 67 |
| 14 | 44 |
| 15 | 69 |
| 16 | 111 |
| 17 | 60 |
| 18 | 97 |
| **Grand Total** | **1504** |

*Down 39 from last meeting.*

1. Updated DCS data on case numbers…

Current number of kids in out-of-home care: 9,915 (first time under 10,000 since Feb 2014)

Number of kids in out-of-home care down 23.5% since launch on 6/1/20, from 12,956 to 9,915

In-home cases down 33.6% since launch, from 7,776 to 5,166.

Absence of Repeat Maltreatment above federal standard (94.6%) 5 months in a row, and over 95% for 4 months in a row—first time we’ve done that since Feb – May 2011.

Absence of Repeat Maltreatment was at 93.6% at launch…now it is 95.12%.

Out-of-home cases dropped 1.94% from May to June, the 7th largest monthly drop since 1/2018 (55 month ago—largest monthly drop since Jan 2018 was 2.58% in Nov 2018)

In-home dropped 3.44%, the 4th largest monthly drop since 1/2018, and 3 of the 4 largest drops were since launch of INFPS (June 2021, 5.35%; July 2021, 3.99%; January 2018, 4.28%)

1. More on in-home case counts dropping:







1. Questions received:
2. We have been reviewing the data from the provider level report that was recently sent out and have some confusion around the numbers.  Would it be possible for your team to review how DCS is collecting and interpreting this data?  We have gone back and reviewed the service standard as it relates to maltreatment and removals but was hoping for a quick refresher.

*Let’s review a report together….*

* 1. You should all have gotten a report for your agency at the end of June. We are hoping to send out an updated report at the end of every month.
1. I was wondering if it would be possible to see how many new family preservation cases are getting referred each month?
	1. It would be difficult to determine what is ‘brand new’ – some referrals change with numbers of children, new referrals after old expires, change in providers, etc.
	2. In June, 289 new referrals were created, but we don’t know how many of these are actually brand new cases
		1. March – 212
		2. April – 232
		3. May – 253
	3. DCS website under Hotline reports may show how many new cases are opened each month, which could be an indicator
2. If a provider has had an FP case where the family is not meeting the provider but the local department wants the provider to continue attempting safety checks, but then removal of 2 of the 3 children occurs and the local department submits a new FP referral with just one child identified, how would a provider "turn on" the referral when the client will not meet but the local department still wants attempted safety checks?

There will be a lapse in billing if the provider cannot make contact with the family. Cannot turn on the referral when mom will not open the door, no matter how many times the provider tries.

* 1. David indicates that DCS will continue to pay the per diem because the service has already started, this is just a change in the number of children being served under Family Preservation.
	2. DCS Invoicing will not look at this as a new referral, but a continuation of services with fewer kids. If there isn’t a time gap between referrals they will be able to see that you have already initiated services.
1. If we did not receive a provider report, who should we reach out to?
	1. Please email Bridget McIntyre at Bridget.McIntyre@dcs.in.gov
2. Can you please quickly go over the FUP referral process for Allen County?
	1. Contact your local housing authority
3. Are we still tracking and reporting on those few families that are still receiving services that opened between Jan and March 2021? I didn't know if the approval of 4e Prevention Plan changed this in any way.
	1. Yes, keep reporting unless you hear otherwise
	2. Continue conversations to work to resolve whatever is preventing case closure with those families
4. We have a situation where we just received two referrals for a family, because the children have been placed with their dads, and we've assigned one worker to both cases. Recently there was court, and though FP is per diem, will there be a conflict if she bills both cases?
	1. We have cases with two referrals. This should be fine.
	2. If you need to discuss that specific case, please reach out to your Regional Service Coordinator or Austin.
	3. If there are different parents, multiple referrals can be necessary to keep privileged information separate.
5. It appears that services are still being court ordered outside of what the FP provider recommended initially when services aren’t being agreed upon by DCS. Furthermore, the FP provider wasn’t invited to court and was told we weren’t going to be invited to court. Can you provide feedback on how FP providers should navigate a situation like this? We want to ensure we are team-based and don’t want to tarnish a relationship with the FCM because of this but it is difficult when the services standard isn’t being followed.
	1. If DCS wants you to attend court, you need to be there
	2. There may be times that DCS does not invite a provider to court
	3. Follow our practice model and team the case. Talk through what makes the most sense.
	4. Engage with the local DCS office, take your concerns to management (LOD or RM) as necessary.

Anything else?

Next meeting 7/22/2022 @ 1:00 EST

THANK YOU!