

LCPA Monthly Provider Call Minutes

Date: 8/4/21

RAPT and Rapt II Trainings through Canvas – Documentation (Blake Hudson, Licensing Supervisor):

- Foster Parents can now receive face to face training credit for interactive trainings through Canvas.
- Remember to document the training occurrences appropriately in the file (i.e. printed training certificate, etc.)

Afterhours Requests for Placement (Rick Steigerwalt, Licensing Supervisor):

- There have been some recent calls from the placement lines that received no response or a delayed response from LCPA Provider staff. Providers must respond to a placement request within one hour per contract stipulations. DCS staff will contact providers when they is a delay to placement requests.
- It is very critical to keep placement line updated regarding contact information. Ask Licensing Consultants for assistance.

SAFE Update (Eliza Suarez):

- Final SAFE training for 2021:
October 4-5 for Licensing
October 6 for Supervisor
Contact for Registration is Melanie.harvey@dcs.in.gov
- Information session regarding SAFE is being held 8/4 and 8/5.
- SAFE refreshers are being held by SAFE and not DCS.
- There is a change to the SAFE home study language. Maiden name has changed to previous name on SAFE forms.
- Staff should use only SAFE approved questionnaires for Indiana specifically. All questionnaires are available on SAFE website under downloads and specific to Indiana.

Case Presentations Feedback/Brainstorming:

- Case presentations have not been successful in gaining permanency for the cases presented.
- DCS is asking for staff who are good at matching kids with potential foster homes. DCS will be flexible with allowing special per diem request and with providing specially crafted services. Will consider having the provider give services directly in the home.
- It was mentioned by a provider the trouble of obtaining health insurance for professional foster parents. Foster parents will need respite care.
- Need to target retirees to become professional foster parents. Two parent homes, where one parent is not working.

Overdue Annual Reports (Nicci Chenowith):

- As of 8/4/21, 777 LCPA homes are out of compliance. There are 271 homes with more than one annual review missing.
- Consultants are talking to staff via 1:1 to address these problems.
- 23 homes are close to systematic withdrawal within 60 days.
- Contact Nicci.Chenowith@dcs.in.gov to be on the administrative list for updates.

Foster Homes and Illegal Drug use (Nicci Chenowith):

- DCS is seeing increases for positive drug screens for marijuana use among foster homes.
- Because marijuana is an illegal substance in Indiana, then foster care home licenses will be denied and revoked.
- CBD gummies are creating positive screens, thereby resulting in license revocations.

Points to consider:

1. What if a positive marijuana screen is factor preventing Kinship care for a kid?
2. Discuss how neighboring states to Indiana have legalized medicinal/recreational marijuana.
3. Could we use a license complaint option instead of revoking a license?

LCPA Contract Updates (David Reed):

- LCPA contracts are updated every 2 years.
- At the end of 2023 consideration will be made to extend the length of Residential/LCPA contracts to 6 years.
- 1/1/22 will be the last usage of the two year contract.

Cost Reports Reminder (David Reed):

- Cost reports are due 3/31/21.
- Some sites are not sending their cost reports to DCS. Please send cost reports so that your administrative rate can be created.

Send questions and agenda items to David.Reed@dcs.in.gov or Whitney.Vowels@dcs.in.gov

Meeting adjourned.