

Children & Family Services Integrated Practice Bulletin

A monthly summary of the Child Welfare and Mental Health Integrated Practice Technical Assistance Calls, including discussion points, Q&A, and resources to support counties and their partners in these program areas.



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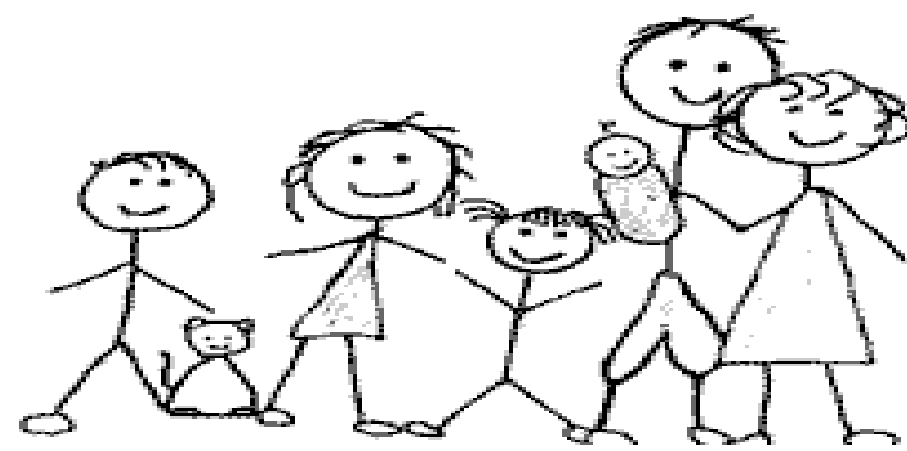
Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) Updates

Rami Chand from the Continuum of Care Branch discussed CCR workgroups, the current work in progress and shared the latest information about Resource Family Approval (RFA).

CCR & State/County Team: The "Steering Committee" made up of California Department of Social Services (CDSS), Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Department of Education (DOE), California Welfare Directors Association (CWDA), County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA), Chief Probation Officers of California (CPOC) and Special Education Local Plan Areas (SELPA) representatives continue to meet on a monthly basis to address policy concerns/barriers.

Education Subgroup: A subgroup of the State/County Team, the subgroup met in January to work on roles and responsibilities in the family teaming process and Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). Next meeting is 2/28/17 by invitation only. Email: CCR@dss.ca.gov

Stakeholder Implementation Advisory Committee: The purpose of this meeting is to provide updates to stakeholders regarding CCR implementation, provide educational opportunities and to obtain input and recommendations on policy, best practices, and other aspects of CCR implementation. Meetings held quarterly to a large stakeholder audience. Mock presentation of the Interagency Placement Committee presented in November 2016. Next meeting is 3/22/17. Anyone interested may join. Email: CCR@dss.ca.gov



◆ Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) Updates

◆ All-County Letters to be released soon

◆ Presentations

◆ Pathways to Well-Being Updates

All County Letters (ACL's) to be released soon

Guidance for Optional Review of Program Statements and Letter of Recommendation: Gives county agencies guidance for reviewing new Foster Family Agency (FFA)/Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP) applicants' program statements and providing a letter of recommendation.

Respite Care: Based on AB 403, an ACL which changes respite care from 72 hours to up to 14 days/month. The ACL will be vetted through the stakeholders and internally and the goal is to release the letter by the end of February.

Version II of FFA & STRTP Interim Licensing Standards have been released: available on the CCR website at:

<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/Continuum-of-Care-Reform>.

SAVE THE DATES

Upcoming Children & Family Services Integrated Practice Technical Assistance Calls:

MARCH 1, 2017

APRIL 5, 2017

MAY 3, 2017

JUNE 7, 2017

Conference call line opens at 10:00 a.m. Email KatieA@dhcs.ca.gov to subscribe to the TA Call list for alerts, materials, and bulletins.



INTEGRATED PRACTICE RESOURCES

- **CIBHS (BEHAVIORAL HEALTH)**
<http://www.cibhs.org/cibhs-modules>
- **CAL-SWEC (CHILD WELFARE)**
[Child Welfare & Mental Health Toolkit](#)
[Core Practice Model Implementation Planning Tool](#)
- **SYSTEMS OF CARE**
<http://gucchdtacenter.georgetown.edu/>
- **TA for Katie A. and CCR reforms**
www.nwic.org
www.aphsa.org
www.calswec.berkeley.edu
www.theinstitute.umaryland.edu
- **Email the Resource Family Approval Unit**
rfa@dss.ca.gov
- **Email for questions regarding Continuum of Care Reform (CCR) or AB 403**
CCR@dss.ca.gov

Presentations

Richard Knecht, Integrated Services Advisor, and Stuart Oppenheim from the Child and Family Policy Institute of California (CFPIC), presented information about the Integrated Core Practice Model (ICPM) and the Integrated Training Plan (ITP).

Richard presented the historical background to the state's reform efforts and the Katie A. Shared Management Structure/Community Team (SMS/CT). The Katie A. settlement has prompted the development of the Integrated Core Practice Model (ICPM) and the Integrated Training Plan (ITP). The ICPM will provide to county staff in all service sectors, clear, consistent and uniform practice behaviors, which will enhance outcomes for families and reduce impact on caregivers, among other outcomes.

Stuart presented the steps from the theoretical framework of a Practice Model to distilling the values and what that looks like concretely in its practice elements.

Richard concluded by explaining the extensive vetting process for the ICPM (Community Team, Youth, CT/SMS, Probation, Mental Health). The draft has been sent to CDSS and DHCS for review, with an anticipated publish date of early summer 2017.

The following e-resources are available to county and provider partners to help provide technical assistance to implement Katie A. and CCR reforms:

www.nwic.org

www.aphsa.org

www.calswec.berkeley.edu

www.theinstitute.umaryland.edu

Pathways to Well-Being Updates

Therapeutic Foster Care: CDSS and DHCS will soon release a joint All County Letter (ACL) and Information Notice regarding the Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) Service Model and TFC parent qualifications. An additional information notice will be released to provide claiming information.

CDSS and DHCS will soon release a joint ACL and ACIN regarding the TFC service model and TFC parent qualifications. An additional ACIN will be released to provide claiming information.

Medi-Cal Manual for Intensive Care Coordination (ICC), Intensive Home Based Services (IHBS) and the TFC service model 3rd Edition: DHCS is updating the Medi-Cal Manual to include information on TFC service model. The manual will be released in a few weeks for a 30-day stakeholder review period.

Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) 101 Trainings: DHCS is providing regional trainings on the Medi-Cal Specialty SMHS program for FFAs and STRTPs seeking to become SMHS providers.

Email CWScoordination@dss.ca.gov or KatieA@dhcs.ca.gov for Pathways to Well Being questions on ICC, IHBS, TFC services, and the Core Practice Model. Thank you for your partnership.

