



RESOURCE FAMILY APPROVAL MODULE ONE: CHILD WELFARE OVERVIEW

Pre-Service Training

Activity: Introductions

- Participant Name Tents
- Training Team Introductions
- Training Partnership with Canada College
- Participant Introductions:
 - Your Name
 - What brought you here today?
 - What Are You Hoping To Learn From This Training?



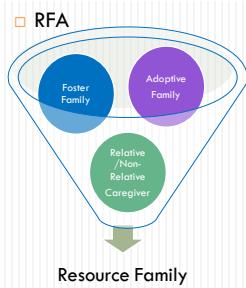
How do you want to be treated in this training?

- ~ Honor people's right to Confidentiality
- ~ Cell Phones off/on vibrate please
- ~ Please be on time and class will end on time
- ~ Be respectful of others

Agenda

- ❑ Resource Family Approval
- ❑ Child Welfare Services
- ❑ Safety, Permanency & Well-being
- ❑ Types of Permanency
- ❑ Concurrent Planning
- ❑ Case Vignette

Overview: Resource Family Approval



- ❑ Implementation of a unified, family-friendly, and child-centered approval process
- ❑ Aims to eliminate duplication, coordinate approval standards, and provide comprehensive assessments on all prospective resource families
- ❑ One time approval for fostering, legal guardianship, and/or adoption
- ❑ Enhances equity in supportive services and resources
- ❑ Statewide Implementation: January 1, 2017

THE GOAL OF CHILD WELFARE IS TO ACHIEVE:

Safety
Permanency
Well-Being

FOR ALL CHILDREN & FAMILIES

When Does Child Welfare Services Intervene with Children and Families?

□ SAFETY Concerns In Response to Life Stressors:

- Child Abuse & Neglect
- Domestic Violence
- In Utero Drug & Alcohol Exposure
- Parental Substance Abuse
- Parental Criminal Activity
- Commercial Sexual Exploitation & Pornography
- Homelessness & Poverty*

Activity:

- Reasons
- Feelings
- Behavior

Safety, Permanency, & Well-being

□ Safety:

- Offers children and families a safe environment to heal, grow and develop in order to achieve reunification

□ **Permanency:**

- Attempts to restabilize families and return children home
- Provides caring and supportive relationships to children and youth during time of removal and placement
- Allows children and youth the opportunity for permanent life long connections through legal guardianship or adoption

□ Well-being:

- Provides for the physical, mental, social/emotional, spiritual, developmental, and educational needs of children and youth during their time in placement

Resource Family Support of Safety, Permanency & Well-being:

- Protecting and nurturing a child to relearn trust with an adult care provider
- Supporting the ongoing relationships between children and their birth families
- Advocating for supportive services to meet the developmental needs of children
- Providing life long support and care to children
- Working as a member of a professional team

Permanency Planning

- Is a key child welfare practice that promotes options for permanency for children and youth
- The practice of permanency planning guides all social work casework planning and decision making
- Permanency Planning Includes:
 - Family Engagement
 - Assessment of Safety & Safety Planning
 - Placement Decisions (Maintenance or Reunification)
 - Family Finding
 - Concurrent Planning

Concurrent Planning

- Is a key child welfare practice that aims to reduce delays in children and youth obtaining permanency through making progress towards both primary and secondary options for permanency:
 - Reunification with Bio Parents (Primary)
 - Custodial or Non-Custodial
 - Adoption (Secondary)
 - Relatives or Foster Family Agency (FFA)
 - Legal Guardianship (Secondary)
 - Resource Families

Types of Permanency

Legal Permanency

- Reunification
- Adoption
- Legal Guardianship

Emotional Permanency

- Someone to trust
- Someone to call on when in need of help
- Someone to visit during the holidays
- Someone to provide guidance and support

Video: Children In Foster Care

- Please Listen for what areas were most affected for these children?
- Share your thoughts and observations after viewing the video

Activity

Case Vignette: Concurrent Planning

Next Time

- ❑ Members of the Professional Team
- ❑ Cultural Humility
- ❑ Personal Rights
- ❑ Prudent Parent Standard
- ❑ Confidentiality
- ❑ Visitation Practice
- ❑ Case Vignette