



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?



Discussion of Group Agreements

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

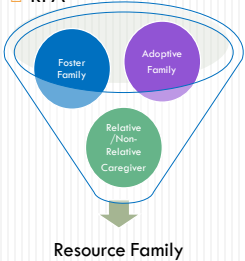
~ Be respectful of others

Agenda

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

Overview: Resource Family Approval

■ RFA



- 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

Emotional Permanency

☐ Reunification

☐ Adoption

☐ Legal Guardianship

☐ 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
