

Catherine, Amy, and Kristine will get a copy and expand or develop for usage by DCFS foster parents. This would be especially helpful for placement coordinators when making arrangement for respite. Some foster parents continue to have challenges in getting social workers to return phone calls, and also getting notification of court hearings. Again, we discussed contacting worker or going up the chain of command, if necessary. Suggestions:

- Always check voice mail to confirm the worker is in the office - they could be out of town or on sick leave.
- foster parents can contact the worker of the day who often can answer questions, or resolve the issue.
- recommended foster parents send an email to the worker, cc the supe, stating you are trying to reach them and have left a message.
- always assume good intent

At this point there are answers or resolutions to topics brought forward from Region 3S, so no issues will move forward to the statewide meeting.

Jeanine Tachini – DLR Area Administrator:

Jeanine reports all R3S vacancies in DLR have been filled as of 6/1/15. In May there were 23 new homes licensed. The total number of foster homes in R3S is 815 state homes, and 160 private agency homes.

Arthur Fernandez – Alliance:

Region 3 = Training statistics: (Jan – March 2015)

12 CCT Module 1 and 12 CCT module 2 were completed
30 CCE classes completed
822 participated – 728 completed
576 participants in CCT – 476 completed
273 participated in CCE – 252 completed
83 unlicensed kinship caregivers participated – 73 completed
39 licensed kinship caregivers participated – 37 completed

The Alliance will be rolling out new curriculum over the fiscal next year. This includes:

Positive Discipline: The Full Series (15 Hour)
Effects of Abuse and Neglect on Child Development
Teaming for Parent-Child Visitation
An Introduction to Indian Child Welfare
Infant Safety and Care
Partners Make Better Decisions (for Social Workers and Caregivers)
Youth Missing from Care

Next meeting: September 15, 2015 – 10:00 am. – 12:00 pm. at the Kelso DCFS office.

