

**Foster Parent 1624 Statewide Consultation Team
Video-Conference Meeting
Agenda October 20, 2014**

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| Welcome by : Mary Pagni-Leavitt & Molly Herzog | | | | |
| <p>Introductions and Attendance: <i>(Add individuals names by regional area)</i> Ask to have each regional area send the list of participants from their area to Michelle Christiansen. Chris Kerns, Mary Pagni-Leavitt, Mike Canfield, Beth Canfield, Amy Gardner, Arthur Fernandez, Darcey Hancock, Jennifer Strus, Peggy Hays, Molly Herzog, Connie Lambert-Eckel, Cora Phillips, Diana Chesterfield, Dru Powers, Jeannie Bennett, Joel Odimba, John March, Joyce Thomas, Kathy Ramsay, Kerry Bryant, Nicole LaBelle, Tayla Miller, Yolanda Marzest</p> | | | | |
| Old Business: Work Group Reports / Follow Up | | | | |
| <p>Parenting Plus Mandatory Training –FP impacts in child care & transportation costs discussion with CA Leadership Team CA/Alliance workgroup continues to meet. Alliance has lead with participation by CA fiscal, Program & Policy and DLR. Goal: implement recommendations in July. Another meeting with Alliance in 2 weeks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still under discussion as to other training – Question is: is it child specific? Write statement that can be disseminated to FP’s • FP’s can claim mileage for CPR/First Aid under current mileage form. <p>- - - - -</p> <p>Notes: CA is still working on this. Some recommendations: Attendance and training. CA would like to keep this item as a follow up item. It was brought up that this has been on the agenda for 9 months already and still no resolution. CA wants to make sure that this can be done before they commit to this. It was asked if Families can have retro payment when the decision is made. The answer was “Don’t think so”. When the question was asked “are there any other questions?” It was brought up again about Foster Families getting reimbursed when they attending trainings for mileage, childcare, etc. Years ago Foster Families did get reimbursed for these types of things. With the budget cuts it just has not been possible. About \$ Data collection. Progress report.</p> | <p>Continue to follow the work of the Alliance on implementation of reimbursing some costs for training/child care.</p> <p>Payment will not be retroactive</p> | | Theresa Tanoury | January ‘15 |

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| <p>Regional Administration Participation - review regional supports at CAFPT (1624) team meetings. Jennifer will lead a discussion at the October meeting on the regional and state 1624 teams Randy & Jennifer had to attend the Braam hearing today and Jennifer has committed to addressing it at the Oct. mtg. Discussion as to the delay in resolution due to the schedule conflict. How can we avoid this in the future? Do we need to change meeting date so either she or Randy could participate? What is Plan B when either Randy or Jennifer cannot be present? Add this to agenda for next meeting.</p> <p>Notes: Original bill should continue to be talked about. Regional management was asked to participate in these. Region 3 is here. Spokane is trying to find location. Local meetings discussed that 5 AA's should be represented. Answers are answered right there. Makes the meeting go really well. Region 3 made sure managers understand the goals can be better. Worked with Peggy. Communications, participation. Do so because they understand how important this meeting is. Regional meeting needs more advertisement to foster parents for higher attendance. In the past they were given wrong rooms, no notification, state wide not participation with management. The numbers of attendees are declining because of the lack of effort. Will it be easier because of videoconferencing in all offices? Once administration has changed there has been a decline. How do you inform Foster Families? Local meetings are usually where they are informed. No reps for Region 3. 8 nominations for new reps in Tacoma. North end 10-12 and South 10-12 foster reps. Sent of information to Foster Families wanting feedback not responded (Foster Care). Lack of structure. Lots of information what's supposed to happen but not getting the results. Numbers of foster parents are going down. We are doing something wrong. Problem solving use to happen and now it is felt we are not getting it accomplished. Facebook being used for communication among foster families. Foster families are not feeling heard. Once the minutes are getting out, please</p> | Continue discussion on participation at next meeting. | | | |

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| <p>refer foster families to look at them. Posting minutes from meetings on Facebook was an idea. Then they can see what is getting discussed. Not a lot of problem solving around there two issues. Newsletter will have updates from the meeting. Molly- 1st issues the reimbursement – complete waste of time because we keep talking about the same issue. Not helpful. This is not what it looked like two years ago. Local meetings, try to solve issues what they can't solve comes here at the 1624. Very few that has not been addressed. Work group to resolve these issues. It has worked in the past. How can we make this more productive? How do we get more bangs for our buck? Work group, Secretary, leads were hear. Not been presently. Over the phone one thing, get it solve (Foster families and CA). Braam Hearing happened why the meeting couldn't be reschedule, lots of resistance. Reschedule meetings if CA / other reps are not able to attend. Why not move the date only if we have to. Regional meeting was a concern, addressed concern and becoming better. Who use to be here (areas) This attendance is good (Today's) This is the attendance that use to happen. Upsetting those 9 months and not getting things resolved. 10 CA positions should be attending DLR, DFO, 3 region admin, 3 quality assurances. Check Charter.</p> | | | | |
| <p>Support for foster-adoptive parents related to developmental, behavioral, mental health problems that arise after the adoption. This is an intake issue, as AS does not provide services other than monthly payment and counseling. Molly Herzog will participate in one of the next adoption support team meetings where they provide training to the AS staff.</p> <p>Molly Herzog was invited to participate in meeting in Sept with AS staff. Molly would like input from FP's- email would be preferable and she would like this by end of Sept.; Some disagreement about the focus of the discussion; Issue was an adoptive parent was told they could not get any help with an adopted child who exhibited serious mental health symptoms and when the FP stated they would drop the child off at DCFS, they were told it would be abandonment. This incident was said to be the result of no full disclosure about the history of this child. FPAWS stated the problem is that adoptive parents are treated more disrespectfully than any other parent</p> | | | | |

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| <p>with a child with similar problems. FP's asking for a system to be put into place to handle these cases as CFWS intakes and services be provided to the child and the family to address the problem. Jennifer was at the last statewide meeting and acknowledged this is a problem and the Dept. is looking into it.</p> <p>Notes: Parents who have an adopted child with severe aggression or serious behaviors are not getting told what their options are in all cases. Some families are being told that they take the chance of being arrested if they drop off their child with these aggressive behaviors (behaviors that give parents concerns for the safety of themselves or others that live in the home). One year ago there was a protocol developed by WISE. It was asked if a website could be created specific for adoptive support. CA does not disagree that there is a problem with post adoption support. There are 10 adoption support workers for all of Washington State. It was asked what we can do to treat adoptive families with respect. It was discovered that families are calling the last CA department they worked with which happens to be adoption support. When they should be calling intake and request for services. Families should be given a phone number to call after adoption for when they need support. Adoptive Families feel that there are no resources for after care for families that have children with extreme behaviors. Families should be calling their local offices and then Headquarters is needed. It was asked if CA could give families all options about placement. How can the group work together to get more money for these families in need? CA does have a PDF on the CA website with a list of resources for families. It would be nice to have a post adoption question and answer page on the CA website with resources for families. There are 3 known cases of adoptive families who are not getting any resources from CA with children who have extreme behaviors. It was asked to let field workers know that this exists and to try a different approach with these families so they feel respected. And if these families to call adoption support please inform them who they need to contact.</p> | | | | |
| Reg. 1 North - Topic 1: Due to 'regular' foster homes/parents not being | | | | |

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| <p>adequately trained to handle some of the high needs, severely challenged children placed within these homes, and due to the lack of resources for respite, lack of beds in BRS placements, we need to consider creating professional homes who are staffed and trained to adequately care for these children.</p> <p>Recommending the utilization of professional homes trained to handle children with these behaviors. Training is not adequately addressing what to do when these children are acting out or exhibiting these severe behaviors. Timelines needed when FP's ask for these kids be moved and for CA to respect the requested timeline. FP's are encouraged to be to say "no" if the child(ren) do not fit the age/sex/behavioral characteristics they have identified and to ask for the child(ren) to be moved if this information was not available at the time of placement and is causing disruption in their home or unsafe conditions for the other children in the home. Darcy reported there is a model for licensing staff residential homes. Another issue is inadequate rate assessments. FP Critical Support and Intervention Team from Fostering Together would be an appropriate service and this information needs to go out to the fostering community. Are new homes being told they can't turn kids away or send them back? FTDM would need to be held to determine if the placement could be salvaged. If so, what services need to be put into place? New SW's need to be trained that they cannot tell a FP they "can't" have a child moved. If no immediate safety issues, transition would be ideal. Darcy will meet with Connie &/or Nicole to pursue this request. Kerry would like to be included at some point. Report back in Oct. to the group.</p> <p><i>(See Reg. 1 North Topic 1 in New Business-related discussion; may be a combined discussion)</i></p> <p>Notes: Kerry proposed "Staff Residential Homes." Call Connie, Nicole. Anyone who wants to attend please go. Severe behaviors were not discussed. Have model that does this but not assessable. Situation where foster parent with extreme behavior child, child being placed into homes that cannot help. Presenters are not giving families information on how or who can help these</p> | <p>This looks like a discussion only, I don't see any decisions, only suggestions.</p> | | | |

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| <p>children. More training in needed for respite homes. Use Trainers who have more knowledge on how to handle and deal with these types of children. Social workers are to recommend foster families that have experience with respite care. Licensers have this knowledge. Maybe general use foster parents who have experience keep a bed open for these types of children. There is a need to look at recruiting families that can care for this type of child. Maybe new families take children that are not at this level. Get the families trained. Brand new homes who do not feel that they could help the child (extreme behavior) already in their home have a slow response of removal and into another home with experience. Families want more helpful classes. BRS beds do we have \$ for them. Step downs are needed.</p> | | | | |
| <p>Reg. 2 South - Topic 2: Teaming issue. There are concerns of lack of teaming between social workers and foster parents. Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster parents reporting major decisions being made without including foster parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster parents being routinely asked to prepare documents, such as supervision plan , and provide information repeatedly that should be handled by social worker • Foster Care Rate Assessment: Foster parents being asked for information to complete assessments and then being denied a copy of the assessment due to confidentiality <p>FP's need to be included in FTDM and Shared Planning meetings. Emphasis on giving FP adequate notice of meeting. Short falls in day to day relationships/communication between SW & FP's. Mary P-L and AAG will follow up on issue of the Rate Assessment not being given to FP. In Service training being developed through the Alliance to help cover the gap in knowledge of SW. This will be addressed through this process.</p> <p>Notes: Mary did some checking. Pulling everyone together, talk about a specific response state wide. Form on internet. Specific notes you will not get. Final report will be given. Problem with input super. Will go over it with Family. New info will be put into the system. System calculates hours. What time does</p> | <p>Specific worker notes taken during the rate assessment will not be given to FPs; FPs can receive a copy of the Final report.</p> | | | <p>10/20/14</p> |

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| <p>child get up, daycare, parent child visits, counseling are considered. Consistent process Statewide. Nice to see questions on the assessment. Copy of document. Not accurate, misunderstandings being fixed.</p> | | | | |
| <p>Reg. 3 North – Topic 1: Foster parents are struggling to pay for and/or provide extracurricular activities for children in their home (gymnastics, karate, music lessons, summer camp, etc.). It becomes very expensive to pay for several months of a class/activity and there are no resources available. This is vital in “normalizing” the life of a child in foster care and should be available to all children.</p> <p>Peggy developed a list of resources for R3. If there is an identified therapeutic need for an activity, payment will be looked at. Each region needs to reach out to their community partners to seek “scholarships” or other forms of payment for activities for foster children. Ask each regional Liaison to submit lists to Meri and they will be put these resources for each region on the website. Also put on Fostering Together website. Discuss this issue at local FP Support meetings. Often FP’s have found resources but need a means of disseminating the information.</p> <p>Notes: Will go on website once it is fixed. It is user friendly. Will be available in December.</p> | <p>Posting of information is pending new website completion</p> <p>Regional liaisons to submit resource lists to Meri for inclusion on website in December.</p> <p>Include link to foster parent resources on the Fostering Together websites.</p> | <p>Regional liaisons: David Needham, Monica Jenkins, Kathy Ramsay, Marie Fujii and Peggy Hays send updated info to Meri.</p> <p>Meri post materials on websites.</p> | | |
| <p>Reg. 3 North - Topic 2: Foster parents would like to see a protocol/guide consistently USED with all SW’ers, when children transition out of placement. This should include (for both the child and the foster parent) looking at best interest of the child, best outcome, permanent plan, attachment, grief and loss, support following removal/placement, transparency, etc. Who makes the decision, does it get reviewed by management, what is the follow-up? We are losing good foster parents after the first placement, but this could be prevented with some transition planning and support.</p> <p>R3N is in process of developing a plan/protocol. What do we have in place to address/support the needs of the FP when a child is moved? Could the</p> | <p>Region 3 materials will be forwarded to CA Headquarters for review.</p> | <p>Meri will obtain materials and review with Mary Pagni-Leavitt.</p> | | |

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| <p>FTDM facilitator send a notice to the licenser to encourage follow up with the FP to see how they are doing, acknowledging the difference they made in that child's life and thanking that FP for the care they provided? Include this in the in-service training.</p> <p>Notes: This has been completed. Program and Policy is looking at this. The draft is complete and given to families. 2 guides have been made.</p> | | | | |
| <p>Reg. 3 South - Topic 2: Foster parents are not receiving the safety/supervision plans from Social Workers and continue to receive incomplete child placement referrals on new placements. There are times when foster parents are being held responsible for specifics in the safety/supervision plan, when they are unaware of the content. These need to be provided to respite providers as well, as they have nothing in writing regarding the child's individual needs.</p> <p>Reminder/training for SW's to make sure the supervision plan is given to the provider. This plan needs to follow the child especially when child goes into respite. In R3, supervisors are directed to review this in unit meetings. CHIPR is not being completed fully by SW's. SW needs to find out who the previous medical providers were and access this information, check with the child's school about behavioral or dev. When a child moves from one home to another, the CHIPR needs to be updated. When a FP calls regarding behavioral issues of a child, a new supervision plan should be initiated. Care needs to be taken to avoid labeling kids but the information needs to be shared with care givers.</p> <p>Notes: Region 3 reminded staff of the importance of getting this form done completely. In August 2014 they were at 63% done, September 2014 they were up to 78% done and have a goal of 90%. Region 1 and 2 are on board. All 3 regions have a goal of 90% compliance as of March 15, 2015. If families are not getting responses they should go to supervisors.</p> | | | | Completed 10/20/14 |
| <p>FPAWS Topic 1: DSHS staff members need to post as staff on the regional</p> | | Meri – sent info | Oct | Completed |

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| <p>Foster parent support Facebook group. Request that any staff that visit or post on the FB page for Foster Parent Support, identify themselves as staff. Meri will send this issue to Randy & Jennifer to address.</p> <p>Notes:</p> | | up chain to Randy & Jennifer | | 10/20/14 |
| New Business | | | | |
| <p>Reg. 1 North - Topic 1: The need for professional homes to provide respite for behaviorally challenged children and teens. <i>(possibly combine discussion with Old Business from Region 1 North-see above)</i></p> <p>Notes: All Families talk to local trainer. Continue to ask questions. Keep on the forefront. New training policy in place. Training will be done prior to completion. Any changes that we are wanting. Don't want to place children in homes that don't have the training. What do you do when a child steps into your face, etc? Specific to the needs of the child. Not written in the policy but has been approved. Up to one year. Inc. families to take training prior to placement.</p> | | | | |
| <p>Reg. 1 North - Topic 2: No additional topics</p> | | | | |
| <p>Reg. 1 South – Topic 1: No Topics identified for October</p> | | | | |
| <p>Reg. 1 South - Topic 2: No Topics identified for October</p> | | | | |
| <p>Reg. 2 North – Topic 1: The training calendar on www.dshs.wa.gov when you click on In-Person Orientation is also posting Caregiver Core Trainings within the Orientation training link. The Caregiver Core Training link takes you to the Alliance website. The Alliance training website mixes all their trainings into one 47 page document. Caregivers and those wanting to become licensed then have to find their region (if they know it) with in the 47 pages to see where and when a training is offered. The Alliance training calendar</p> | | | | |

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| <p>for Caregiver Core Training does not list all the trainings being provided in Washington State.</p> <p>Notes: Department website has been fixed. Alliance Website is difficult to navigate through. Social worker trainings, Regions information is very confusing. Alliance website is under construction. They are trying to make it easier. Catalog coming out in November. Families do not know what regions they are in. Drop boxes are being added. Alliance Training fliers, can they be statewide. Trying to make it more available to families. Electronic Fliers are being requested. 47 PDF's are being highlighted and linked to make it easier. Probably done in December.</p> | <p>Fixes are underway to the Alliance website with regional map showing counties added, regional training listings completed in December</p> | | | <p>December 2014</p> |
| <p>Reg. 2 North – Topic 2: The Alliance is considering going to a schedule where they release a Core Training schedule only one month in advance rather than quarterly. This will make it very difficult for potential foster families to plan ahead to attend Core Training.</p> <p>Notes: If this happens it will make things very difficult for some families. They need several months to make arrangements for daycare, etc. The Alliance is not changing to a one month notification of trainings. It was brought up that not all trainings are getting on the Alliance website for families to be aware of them happening.</p> | <p>Alliance Trainings are listed for the entire quarter – per the Alliance website.</p> | | | <p>December 2014</p> |
| <p>Reg. 2 South – Topic 1: Funding problems. Mileage and respite payments not being paid 60 days out. Knowing what information needs to be completed. Simple procedure between workers and families. The Social worker tries to get this paid, and then deputies are to work on it if not able to be done by SW. Has to be done quickly. Paper portions quickly, mileage takes a little longer. Deputy, administrative secretary gives to worker then get processed. Form filled out then scanned to make this quicker. Statewide problem. Respite payment taking way too long. Getting lost in the process. Delay is on CA. Spreadsheet needs to be used and kept updated because then we will find out where it is getting stuck. Respite payment taking months. Mary- statewide</p> | <p>Was there a decision here – or just discussion?</p> | | | |

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| <p>what is the protocol. Format, information that you require. Cheat sheet that needs to be answered. Specifics we are looking for usually completed very well. Need to find out why families are not getting there needs met. Request goes to admin, turned around very quickly. Most delays take early on. Once the paperwork gets going it happens quickly. Reg. respite depends on the region. Social workers and managers work on respite payments. The attitude makes families think that it is not important. Respite does not prioritize them. Maybe we can hire a part time person to do these. Daycare payment is not being made. Some daycare providers will not take Foster Children anymore because of lack of payment from CA.</p> | | | | |
| <p>Reg. 2 South – Topic 2: No Topics identified for October</p> | | | | |
| <p>Reg. 3 North – Topic 1: No topics at this time to present to the Statewide meeting.</p> | | | | |
| <p>Reg. 3 North – Topic 2: N/A</p> | | | | |
| <p>Reg. 3 South – Topic 1: Foster parents are expressing concern over children having to testify in court, when the offender is in the same room (especially sex abuse cases), as well as having to be interviewed by multiple workers, agencies, law enforcement, etc. This can have a profound and traumatizing effect on children. Foster parents would like to see more sensitivity and consideration for the child’s well-being, by having the courts/CA develop alternatives to children testifying in court.</p> <p>Notes: The Goal is to have Children interviewed once. Children are being well taken care of and prepped for being interviewed. Tip sheet is being used. It was said that it is hard for the children to testify but usually harder on us adults to hear. A lot of the time it is a release for the children to testify. Interviews on closed circuit are not being used in some counties anymore because they are being thrown out. Interviewer will sit with the families to work with them. More sensitivity is needed. Children’s Justice Conference. CA cannot do anything about this. It’s the Constitutional Right. Giving families the information so they understand the process would be useful. Have a statewide</p> | <p>Short training for training. Fostering together putting a blurb out. (was this a suggestion or a decision?)</p> | <p>Becky to work with Amy</p> | <p>January</p> | |

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| <p>process procedure being explained to families is needed. Short training for training. Fostering together putting a message out. Training will be consistent and ongoing. Becky is going to work with Amy.</p> | | | | |
| <p>Reg. 3 South – Topic 2: Foster parents expressed concern over an increasing number of Social workers and contracted visitation providers who are transporting our children with car seats that are inappropriately installed. Often straps are inadequately secured, the car seat is facing the wrong way, or the car seat has expired. This is a safety issue. All transporters need to be aware of expiration dates on car seats. Foster parents would like to have any and all people transporting children to be trained on car seat installation prior to transporting a child.</p> <p>Notes: Children’s Administration needs to know who does not know how to install a car seat correctly. Workers are not showing that they are informed on this procedure. Outdated car seats need to be replaced. Training for social workers will be held. A regular schedule needs to be used for training the social workers. Training coming out in December. Foster Families are asked to inform the office when they see this. The office needs to have someone responsible in knowing if seats are outdated. 1800bucklup. They need to come to offices and check seats and we need to get rid of outdated seats. Take look (not expired seats) training for new workers. 3-5 years then they expire. WAC says follow state law. Families do not want to say anything because they are afraid of what will happen to them. They don’t feel safe. CA said that there would be no retaliation.</p> | <p>FPs should report to CA when staff are not able to correctly install car seat.</p> <p>Updated training for social workers to be scheduled in December.</p> <p>Outdated car seats will be replaced – who in each office will do this?</p> | | | |
| <p>FPAWS Topic 1: Respite payments are not being made in a timely manner.</p> <p>Notes: Discussed earlier.</p> | | | | |
| <p>FPAWS Topic 2: Relatives are not receiving what they need when they are asked to accept placements.</p> | <p>Placement packet to be given to relatives.</p> | | | |

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| <p>Notes: Families are not being informed on what they can get reimbursed. Different support for Foster Families and Relatives. When SW contacts relative shared planning meeting is not always happening. FTDM is not foster family then they need to be asked “what do you need”. Having an orientation for Relatives would be nice. Information packet can be given. Different processes for f. families and relative care placement for supplies for the children (car seats, etc.). Lists of community resources for all families. Families can reach out first to these resources rather than the state. But if there is not place that can help then we have to give them their needs. Walk thru has to happen and help is needed to families for supplies. Families need to be informed. Questions need to be answered and resources given. Placement packet would be beneficial (how to get TANF). All information will be online.</p> | <p>Relatives and CA social workers should be made aware of the Relative Support Service Funds – all regions have these allocations.</p> <p>Placement packet already contains TANF App and info and is already available on-line</p> <p>Make available lists of community resources</p> | | | |
| <p>Children’s Topic 1: New Federal Legislation: H.R. 4980: Preventing Sex Trafficking & Strengthening Families Act (9/30/14) This law encourages states to combat sex trafficking among youth in foster care, promote normalcy for foster youth (Prudent Parenting), help move more children from foster care into adoptive homes or the homes of relatives, and increase the amount of child support provided to families in which one parent resides outside of the U.S.</p> <p>Notes: Section 101-103- Things we have to do to monitor these children. Authorize identify, document children and young adults. Section 104- Run away children interviewing them to see if they have been involved in trafficking. Section 209- Child comes into care, sibling adopted then we talk to adoptive family of sibling to see if they will care for new sibling. Will be Foster home if there license is current. Section 112-113- 14 years and older participate in case planning. Section 114- 18 year old foster child will have all</p> | | | | |

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| <p>identification needed (birth certificate, SS card, Health insurance information, copy of medical records, and driver’s license or state issued ID.</p> <p>(Sec. 101) Amends part E (Foster Care and Adoption Assistance) of title IV (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) (TANF) of the Social Security Act (SSA) to require the state plan for foster care and adoption assistance to demonstrate that the state agency has developed policies and procedures for identifying, documenting in agency records, and determining appropriate services with respect to, any child or youth over whom the state agency has responsibility for placement, care, or supervision who the state has reasonable cause to believe is, or is at risk of being, a victim of sex trafficking or a severe form of trafficking in persons. Authorizes a state, at its option, to identify and document any individual under age 26 without regard to whether the individual is or was in foster care under state responsibility.</p> <p>(Sec. 102) Adds as a state plan requirement the reporting to law enforcement authorities of instances of sex trafficking.</p> <p>(Sec. 103) Includes sex trafficking data in the adoption and foster care analysis and reporting system (AFCARS).</p> <p>(Sec. 104) Adds also as a state plan requirement the locating of and responding to children who have run away from foster care. Directs the state agency to report immediately information on missing or abducted children or youth to law enforcement authorities for entry into the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) database of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.</p> <p>(Sec. 105) Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to report to Congress on information about: State efforts to ensure children in foster care form and maintain long-lasting connections to caring adults, even when a child in foster care must move to</p> | | | | |

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| <p>another foster family home or when the child is placed under the supervision of a new caseworker. Subtitle B: Improving Opportunities for Children in Foster Care and Supporting Permanency - (Sec. 111)</p> <p>Requires the designated state authority or authorities to:</p> <p>(1) develop a reasonable and prudent parent standard for the child & apos;s participation in age or developmentally appropriate extracurricular, enrichment, cultural, and social activities; and</p> <p>(2) apply this standard to any foster family home or child care institution receiving funds under title IV part E. Provide assistance to states on best practices for devising strategies to assist foster parents in applying a reasonable and prudent parent standard in a manner that protects child safety, while also allowing children to experience normal and beneficial activities.</p> <p>Makes it a purpose of the John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program to ensure that children who are likely to remain in foster care until age 18 have regular, ongoing opportunities to engage in age or developmentally-appropriate activities. Authorizes increased appropriations for the program beginning in FY2020. (Sec. 112)</p> <p>children age 16 or older the option, in an initial permanency hearing, of being placed in a planned permanent living arrangement other than a return to home, referral for termination of parental rights, or placement for adoption, with a fit and willing relative (including an adult sibling), or with a legal guardian. (Sec. 113)</p> <p>Gives children age 14 and older authority to participate in:</p> <p>(1) the development of their own case plans, in consultation with up to two members of the case planning team; as well as</p> <p>(2) transitional planning for a successful adulthood. (Sec. 114)</p> <p>Requires the case review system to assure that foster children leaving foster care because of having attained age 18 (or a greater age the state has elected),</p> | | | | |

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| <p>unless in foster care less than six months, are not discharged without being provided with a copy of their birth certificate, Social Security card, health insurance information, copy of medical records, and a driver's license or equivalent state-issued identification card. (Sec. 203)</p> <p>Renames the adoption incentive program as the adoption and legal guardianship incentive payments program. (Sec. 209)</p> <p>Requires notification of parents of a sibling, where the parent has legal custody of the sibling, when a child is removed from parental custody. Subtitle B: Extending the Family Connection Grant Program -</p> | | | | |
| <p>Children's Topic 2: Recruitment and Retention RFP Update</p> <p>Notes: RFP out Jan. 2015</p> | | | | |
| <p>Next State CAFPT (1624) Video Conference Meeting: Monday, January 26, 2015 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.</p> | | | | |

Future Regional 1624 Meetings:

| Regional Offices | Meeting Date / Time Location | Meeting Date / Time Location | Meeting Date / Time Location |
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| <p>Region 1 N. –Spokane office w/ video conf. (SW Conference Room) 1313 N. Atlantic, David Needham 509-363-3559 needhda@dshs.wa.gov</p> | <p>Dec. 16, 1-3:00 p.m.</p> | <p>March 17, 1-3 p.m.</p> | <p>June 16, 1-3:00 p.m.</p> |
| <p>Region 1 S. – Yakima</p> | <p>Dec. 15, 10-noon</p> | <p>March 16, 10 – 12 noon</p> | <p>June 15, 10 – 12 noon</p> |

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| office w/ conf. calling | | | |
| Region 2 N. - Everett | Dec. 8, '14 | | |
| Region 2 S. - Seattle | Dec. 11, '14 | March 13, 2015 10:00 – 12:00 | June 12, 2015 10:00 – 12:00 |
| Region 3 N. - Tacoma | Dec. 8, '14 11:00 - 1:30 - lunch | March 9, 2015 11:00 - 1:30 - lunch | June 8, 2015 11:00 - 1:30 - lunch |
| Region 3 S. (see office listed) | Dec. 9, 10-12 noon Centralia | March 10, 2015 Olympia 10:00 - 12:00 | June 9, 2015 10:00 - 12:00 |