Child Welfare Information Solution Update

As the Detailed System Design (DSD) phase draws to a close and development of CWIS begins, the CWIS Project Team is busy preparing business operational readiness guidance for all counties and regions. The CWIS Project Team recognizes that unique processes will continue to exist in the counties and regions and the CWIS project team is providing guidance to help with this transition.

There are several activities underway to provide business operational readiness guidance for counties and regions:

1. CWIS Implementation Teams have been identified for each county and region.
2. Business operational readiness planning guides are being finalized and will be distributed to every county and region.
3. Gap analysis sessions were held with OCYF functional areas to compare future business processes with potential scenarios to identify contingencies. Gap Analysis summary will be provided.
4. Future guidance and support will include:
   - Business Operational Readiness Checklist including dates and milestones,
   - An assigned CWIS Project liaison will be available to each county to assist with the appropriate level of guidance and support for questions,
   - In June 2014, regional readiness sessions will be conducted to provide guidance for completing readiness milestones.

Be sure to watch for future communications with the dates of the regional visits.

Questions about CWIS? Email our CWIS Resource Account at RA-PWCWIS@pa.gov
302: Building & Sustaining Father Engagement

Since 2009, the Father Engagement Workgroup has been empowered by the Pennsylvania State Roundtable to improve the involvement of fathers in the lives of their children in the child welfare system. To realize and sustain that goal, the Father Engagement Workgroup conceptualized a statewide training for child welfare and related professionals on the topic of father engagement in court and child welfare direct service efforts.

Protocol for Engagement and the Father Engagement Beach Card
- Beach cards addressing protocols for engaging fathers in court and agency practice are discussed.

Establishing Paternity and Locating Fathers
Protocols for identifying and locating fathers and establishing paternity will demonstrate methods to meaningfully engage fathers in the child welfare system, and establish and maintain connections with fathers and paternal relatives in order to expedite permanency.

The Process of Engaging Men
Participants will learn the differences between male and female communication styles.

Overcoming Barriers and Managing Resistance
Data indicates that fathers experience a host of barriers in the child welfare system. As a result, fathers may demonstrate resistance to working with the system. The group will:
- Identify barriers and work with their peers to identify solutions;
- Learn about the four major types of resistance; and
- Learn how to respond to and overcome resistance.

Identifying a Father's Strengths and Needs
Participants will learn to identify the strengths and needs of the fathers with an opportunity to practice within a real life scenario.

Identifying Formal and Informal Support Services
Information will be presented about the components necessary for programs to be effective for fathers such as:
- valuing fathers and addressing their needs;
- supporting, not punishing;
- respecting gender differences in parenting; and
- providing positive male models.

The vision of the Resource Center is every child, youth, and family experiences a life rich with positive opportunities, nurturing relationships, and supportive communities.
202 Truancy: Prevention and Intervention (Pilot)

July 25, 2014
9:00 am–4:00 pm
PA Child Welfare Resource Center
403 E. Winding Hill Road
Mechanicsburg, Pa 17055
Registration Deadline: July 7, 2014

Presented by:
Elizabeth Coyle

In this workshop, child welfare professionals will discuss important key terms related to truancy in Pennsylvania. Participants will examine statewide, regional, and county level truancy data. Factors contributing to truancy and consequences of truancy will be discussed, along with prevention and intervention strategies and critical components of successful truancy programs.

This workshop is eligible for 6 continuing education credit hours.

Who Should attend: This training is intended for all certified child welfare professionals.
202 Truancy: Prevention and Intervention

What is a Pilot?
Piloting of a curriculum is a step in the quality assurance process that the Resource Center completes to ensure curriculum is written to best practice for the state and that the content is what the targeted population needs and wants. A workshop is piloted before it is made available for statewide delivery. When you attend a pilot training you will be asked to participate in an After Action Review. An After Action Review helps the Resource Center determine the success of the curriculum and helps to identify changes to be made to the content and/or flow of the curriculum. During the After Action Review, participants are asked to answer questions related to the content as well as your opinion of the training.

Registration
Registration information needs to be completed on or before July 7, 2014.

Please register using the following methods:
Toll free registration line: 1-877-297-7488
Email registration to: cwtpreg@pitt.edu
Fax registration to: 717-795-8013

Attn: Rachael Ickes

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THE PENNSYLVANIA CHILD WELFARE RESOURCE CENTER

The Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center is a collaborative effort of the University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work, the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, and the Pennsylvania Children and Youth Administrators. It was established to train direct service workers, supervisors, administrators, and foster parents in providing social services to abused and neglected children and their families. The Resource Center is centrally managed and regionally administered by the University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work.

Our Mission:
The Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center is a national leader in advocating for an enhanced quality of life for Pennsylvania’s children, youth and families. In partnership with families, communities, public and private agencies, we prepare and support exceptional child welfare professionals and systems through education and a commitment to best practice.
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