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FOSTER CARE REVIEW BOARD

Extension of Foster Care Review Board Training

Friday, May 19, 2017

8:30 am —3:30 pm

Gallatin Civic Center

210 Albert Gallatin Avenue

Gallatin, TN

If you are a member of the following boards: #1, #4, #5, #13 & #15 or are a Chairperson of #7, # 11 & #16, you are highly encouraged to attend this session! Board #1, #4 and #5 are being changed (see page 3) to review 17 year olds only, in the hopes that you can encourage Transitional Living plans being developed that are thorough and useful to the youth. The FCRB can encourage the youth to accept EFC and not only pursue higher education but complete higher education and therefore have a better life outcome. The Davidson County FCRB Program is an EFC pilot program of the Court Improvement Program (AOC) along with Maury & Sumner counties and that is why this training session is in Gallatin.

A registration form and agenda have been sent out. Please fill out the registration form and get it back to Patty as we are keeping track of registration. If you have any questions let us know. Hope to see lots of you there! *Janet*



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Our Member Spotlight this quarter is :

JAY HARTLEY



The “scribe with the mostest”!!!!

As you are aware we have been attempting to “computerize” our FCRB summaries, as recommended as best practice by the CIP. Jay immediately took on this responsibility and his Board #2 was the first board to attempt to do ALL the summaries on the laptop. We are continuing to work on all of the other boards to institute this process. Thanks Jay for being the FIRST!!!

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The FCRB Program welcomes the following new members since January of 2017:

Shelley Smith—#13

Adrian Cartledge—#16

LaTamera Woodley—#11

Stephanie Livesay—#11

Jessica Whittle—#16

We would like to thank the following members for their service to the FCRB Program:

We will miss you!

Sharon Seaborg—#11

Kalonji McClellan—#11

Marilyn Murray—#13

Board Changes

The following board changes, effective June 1, 2017, have occurred by recommendation of the Court Improvement Program (CIP) at the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC):

Bd. #1— from 16-17 year olds to 17 year olds ONLY

Bd. #4— from 16-17 year olds to 17 year olds ONLY

Bd. #5— from 16-17 year olds to 17 year olds ONLY

Bd. #7— from 14-15 year olds to 14-16 year olds

Bd. #11— from 16-17 year olds to 14-16 year olds

Bd. #16— from 14-15 year olds to 14-16 year olds

This was based on data collection that showed 36% of the youth in Davidson County foster care were 17 year olds and hence needed 3 boards to review their cases. Also, the peer advocates provided by the CIP, will only attend the 17 year old boards and the EFC boards from now on. This is all in an effort to improve Transitional Living for youth aging out of foster care and for those youth who will transition into Extension of Foster Care (EFC). If you feel you need to move to another board due to these changes just let us know and we will work with you! Thank-you for your patience and understanding.

Child/youth presence at FCRBs

January 2016 = 82%

February 2016 = 77%

March 2016 = 74%

April 2016 = 86%

May 2016 = 76%

June 2016 = 86%

July 2016 = 85%

August 2016 = 78%

September 2016 = 88%

October 2016 = 87%

November 2016 = 88%

December 2016 = 82%

January 2017 = 82%

February 2017 = 79%

March 2017 = 77%*

***Please note that the majority of the youth who do not attend is due to factors beyond DCS's control such as being on runaway, in detention, can't miss school or special events, illness, etc.**

Transitional Living Plans (TLs)

LEARNING CORNER

All Youth in DCS custody will have an Independent Living Plan at ages 14 to 16 or a Transition Plan at age 17 and older regardless of permanency goals, placement or adjudication. The Transition Plan must be developed when the youth is 17 years of age or older, within the context of a Transition to Adulthood CFTM. The Transition Plan is revised as needed and reviewed by the court within ninety (90) days of planned exit from custody.

The Transition Plan is completed using IL Concern indicators associated with the Family Permanency Plan. The focus of the Transition Plan is ensuring that supports are in place for youth following exit from custody at ages 17 and older. The following areas are addressed in the Transition Plan:

- Life Skills
- Social Skills and Supportive Relationships
- Communication, including Essential Documents
- Education
- Physical and Mental Health, including identification of a Health Care proxy
- Employment
- Housing
- Finances and Money Management
- Transportation

The Transition Plan must be personalized at the direction of the youth, be as detailed as he or she chooses, and include specific outcomes and action steps with timeframes.

The Transition Plan/Family Permanency Plan is signed by all parties and copies are provided to the youth and other individuals involved in the development of the plan. The Transition Plan is filed in accordance with filing requirements for the Family Permanency Plan.

The assigned FSW is responsible for ensuring that the Transition Plan is revised at least annually and more often as needed.

The Transition Plan is reviewed in a CFTM at least semi-annually. Transition Plans are reviewed by the court or a representative of the court annually and by the Foster Care Review Board on a semi-annual basis.



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Reminder: Anyone who wishes to include an article or picture for our newsletter please feel free — just contact me.

Thanks!
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