

PIP Workgroup Worksheet

Case Assignment Unit C.A.U.

Issues	Related Item, Systemic Factor or Data Indicator	Possible Action Steps	Method of Measuring	Responsible Party
<p>C.A.U. as part of performance contracting is a potential barrier to keeping children in their communities</p>	<p>There is no tracking system in place to monitor an agency's success at placing children in their communities of origin.</p> <p>The C.A.U. has no background information on the perspective foster placement.</p>	<p>Re-evaluate the actual number of available placements in a given community and the number of homes in each LAN area</p> <p>Establish a tracking system that defines a minor's community at the time of placement, which allows the child to remain in his/her current school of origin. The approved foster placement should be in the child's community.</p> <p>The C.A.U. should be trained to understand the evaluation and matching process</p>	<p>Division of Monitoring and Quality Assurance Reports. Placement Clearance Desk Reports</p> <p>Expand the present CAU unit's ability to identify location of a child's placement in relationship to community of origin. Community is identified as birthparent's residence at time of initial investigation and child's school.</p>	<p>CAU unit (Cook County) Resource Unit(Downstate)</p> <p>DCFS Training Department</p>
		<p>Reevaluate the actual number of available placements in a given community and the number of available homes in each LAN/community area</p>	<p>Division of Program Monitoring and Quality Assurance Reports. Private Agency Foster Home tracking systems</p>	<p>Resource units/placement clearance, placement units.</p>
<p>Too many homes are on indefinite hold, both voluntary and involuntary.</p>		<p>Re-evaluate all homes placed on hold for more than a year and take appropriate action to determine if any of the homes can</p>	<p>Placement Clearance Tracking System, Licensing Enforcement Tickler. Division of Program</p>	<p>Placement Clearance Desk, Central Office of Licensing, Enforcement unit, Licensing Unit, Resource and</p>

		<p>Following an assessment of the child and the prospective foster parent, the child will be placed with the agency who has the home that subject to the assessment, is best able to meet the needs of the child.</p> <p>The C.A.U will review need evaluate the information maintained by the POS agency regarding the prospective foster placement. The receiving agency will ensure that all recommendation the integrated assessment are promptly put into place in order to ensure the stability of the child's placement.</p>	<p>Matching Tool/Clinical Assessment Tool</p>	<p>CAU Resource Unit/placement unit</p> <p>C.A.U.</p>
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