

TRANSFORMATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND PRACTICE ISSUES

MAJOR FOCUS - DEFINING THE CORE SERVICES THAT EACH SUPERVISING AGENCY MUST PROVIDE OR CAUSE TO BE PROVIDED. ALSO, LEGAL PROCESSES WHEN WORKING WITH PRIVATE AGENCIES DOING CASE MANAGEMENT.

QUESTIONS TO BE ADDRESSED IN ACHIEVING MAJOR FOCUS

PRACTICE

- WHAT ARE THE CORE SERVICES/STANDARDS OF PRACTICE THAT SHOULD BE SHARED BY ALL ENTITIES DOING CHILD WELFARE CASE MANAGEMENT (I.E. ASSESSMENT, CASE PLANNING, ONGOING CASE WORK, CASE CLOSURE CRITERIA, REUNIFICATION STANDARDS, PARENTAL CONTACT, SAFETY ASSESSMENT AND SAFETY PLANNING, SIBLING CONTACT, SHARED PLANNING, REASONABLE EFFORTS, ETC.)?
 - THEN, WHAT ARE THE CORE SERVICES AND SUPPORTS THAT WILL BE MANAGED BY THE SUPERVISING AGENCIES?
 - WHAT IS THE PROCESS OF CASE REFERRAL (REFERRAL, INTAKE, ASSESSMENT, ETC.)? WILL THE SUPERVISING AGENCY BE ALLOWED TO DEFINE ITS APPROACH TO PROVIDING CASE MANAGEMENT (PRACTICE MODEL)? WHO PROVIDES CLINICAL CARE AND FOLLOW-UP (HOW IS IT DECIDED)? WHAT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY RELATIVE TO PLACEMENT DECISIONS AND CLINICAL CARE? WHAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR POST-PERMANENCY SERVICES AND SUPPORT? ETC
 - HOW WILL IT BE DETERMINED THAT APPROPRIATE QUALITY OF CARE IS BEING PROVIDED? THAT SERVICES/PLACEMENTS ARE DELIVERED IN A WAY THAT IS RESPONSIBLE TO THE FAMILY'S CULTURE AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH ICWA?
- ARE THERE STATUTORY OR REGULATORY CHANGES NEEDED TO ACCOMPLISH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DEMO SITES?

LEGAL

- WHAT ARE THE PUBLIC/PRIVATE BOUNDARIES, INCLUDING ROLE OF THE COURT - IN THE DEMONSTRATION SITES? WHO DOES COURT HOLD ACCOUNTABLE? WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES WILL THE PUBLIC SECTOR MAINTAIN?
- HOW WILL ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE PROVIDE LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE AGENCIES IN DEPENDENCY MATTERS? WHO IS THEIR CLIENT?

TO BE CONSIDERED WHILE ACHIEVING MAJOR FOCUS

- * Adherence to the Indian Child Welfare Act
- * Adherence to the principles and requirements of the Centennial Accord
- * Awareness of racial disproportionality issues in child welfare
- * The provision of culturally competent service by contractors