

Join Hands for Children
Advisory Committee on Legal and Practice Issues
March 22nd TDC Comments

Suggestions for the Service Array Definitions document:

- Add “identification” to the ICWA provisions

Suggestions/comments for the Service Array document:

- Add “case management and planning”, as well as other responsibilities of supervising agencies (i.e. intake services, concurrent planning, family team decision making, discharge planning, etc.)
- Add “network management” to help assess and develop community capacity.
- Add “needs assessment of parental capacities and functioning” to ensure right services are in case plan. Might fall under the “practice standards” category.
- Add “services to promote normative childhood experiences” (i.e. recreation, arts, etc.)
- Add under community referrals “faith-based communities and services”, as well as “professional and business training services.”
- Add the following to the section of referrals to state agencies and programs: Health and Recovery Services or Medical Assistance Administration; Department of Early Learning; Department of Commerce; Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction; and, the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges.
- Add “general emergency assistance” to “food banks.”
- Separate “independent living” from “transitional living services.”
- Add a category for raising caregiver expectation/foster parent training (i.e. foster parents, kinship providers, etc.)
- Change headings to read “Linkage and coordination with community service and tribal agencies” and “Linkage and coordination with state programs.”
- Align this document with CA’s service array.

Suggestions/comments for the Principles and Values document:

- There is concern about the second last bullet on the Principles and Values Used to Determine Core Services document, about agencies examining parents’ pasts needlessly.
- Suggestion that the committee review all its documents for potential unintended consequences.
- Suggestion that the Principles and Values Used to Determine Core Services should be examined for language so that the committee does not inadvertently create entitlements.
- Add “domestic violence” to the third to last bullet.