SELF-SUFFICIENCY BENCHMARKS AND SERVICES STANDARDS
MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2016
10 AM – 12 pm

ATTENDEES

Felicia Kellum, DFS
Edward Washington, DFS
Sharah Brame, DFS
Elizabeth Everett, West End
Robert Croce, DFS
ChaTanya Lanford, Pressley Ridge
Carolina Jones, Kind to Kids Foundation
Carolyn Morgan, Progressive Life Center
Regina Johnson, Progressive Life Center
Mike Casey, DFS
Nicole Byers, DOJ
Bonnie Mulshenock, Child Inc.
Vanessa Brinkley, Dunamis
Christina Jones-Bey, People's Place
Nathan Badell, Murphey School
Tonya Collins, Children's Choice
Monica Porter – CASA (NCC)

INTRODUCTION:

Welcome and greeting by Felicia Kellum

A special thanks was extended to Foster Parent – Ms. Johnson for joining the workgroup.
Nicole Byer was added to committee. As a youth, Nicole experienced foster care. Her insight will be very valuable to the workgroup.

CO CHAIR UPDATE:

John Bates stepped down as Co-Chair because of new obligations.
Motioned moved and seconded that Sue Doughtery and Carolina Jones will serve as Tri Chair with Felicia Kellum

OLD BUSINESS:

Overview of the first few pages of Self Sufficiency document:

1. Suggested that Mike Casey and Bobby look at areas listed under DFS. If there are any disagreements, please provide insight.

2. Under Physical and Mental Health tab, the areas of Abuse, Neglect and Violence Awareness changed to primary for DFS and Private Agencies. Foster Parents and Schools – Secondary on page 2.
3. Activities of Daily Living tab – Basic Living Skills. Foster parent primary
4. All joint designations had to be changed to primary or secondary designations.
5. Health and Financial tab was not added to Ages 14-15 noted by Carolyn Morgan. Committee agreed to add Health and Financial. Responsibility designation was not determined.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sue Doughtery and Carolina Jones agreed to compose a clarifying statement that will explain the functions of the Shared Responsibility Key. It was also suggested that the Shared Responsibility Key be moved to the introduction page of the document. An introductory page will include language outlining the purpose, key partners and expectations of users.

There were ongoing discussions regarding placements of duties and in which category they should be placed under. Felicia advised that the descriptions of the outcome areas located in the back of the document must match the categorization and duties listed for each age group. Statements will also be added indicating expectations for all parties and their responsibilities roles. Primary takes main responsibilities for the outcome area. Secondary roles are indicated in help to ensure that outcomes are addressed. Ultimately, DFS will need to account for what occurred and who addressed each outcome area.

OUTCOME SUMMARIES:

Responsible Parties for Youth Outcome Areas Age 14-15:

EDUCATION – All outcome bullets listed under Education have DFS listed as Primary, Private Agency, Foster Parent and School listed as Secondary.

EMPLOYMENT/VOCATION – All outcome bullets listed under Employment/Vocation have Foster Parent listed as Primary, DFS, Private Agency and School listed as Secondary.

FINANCIAL LITERACY AND CAPABILITY – Ability to Perform Basic Banking Functions have DFS and Private Agency listed as Primary and Foster Parent as Secondary. Ability to Budge and Manage Money have Foster Parent listed as Primary, DFS and Private Agency listed as Secondary.

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH – All outcome bullets are listed as Primary for Foster Parent except for Abuse, Neglect and Violence Awareness in which DFS and Private Agency take the Primary Role. School, DFS and Private Agency take Secondary role when Foster Parent are Primary.

HOUSING PREPARATION – Primaries are DFS and Private Agency. Secondary role is Foster Parent.

ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING – Foster Parent take Primary role with Basic Living Skills, Social Skills, Health and Financial (added to by committee), Family and Healthy Relationship Education, Safety, and How to Utilize Transportation. DFS and Private agency take dual Primary leads with Legal Documents, Navigation of Access to Public Systems and Community Resources, Permanent

Connections. School take Secondary role with Social Skills, and Safety. How to Maintain Transportation was removed from list.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT – Foster Parent is Primary for all bullets listed under Youth Engagement. DFS and Private Agency are Secondary and School is Secondary for only Engagement on Community Level.

Responsible Parties for Youth Outcome Areas Age 16-18 IN FOSTER CARE

EDUCATION – All outcome bullets listed under Education have School and Independent Living Provider listed as dual Primaries except for Ability to Succeed in School (School as sole Primary) and Young Adult Takes Ownership Over their Education indicated Independent Living Provider as sole Primary. DFS, Private Agency and Foster Parent take Secondary roles.

EMPLOYMENT/VOCATION – All outcome bullets listed under Employment/Vocation have Independent Living Provider listed as Primary. DFS, Private Agency, Foster Parent and School are Secondary.

FINANCIAL LITERACY AND CAPABILITY – All outcome bullets listed under Financial Literacy and Capability have Independent Living Provider listed as Primary. DFS, Private Agency and Foster Parent are listed as Secondary.

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH – Accessing Healthcare is Primary for DFS and Foster Parent. Secondary for Private Agency, Independent Living Provider and School. Knowing How to Obtain Health History, Prevention and Maintain a Healthy Lifestyle and Sexual Education Awareness are Primary for Foster Parent. Access to Appropriate Systems, Substance Abuse Prevention and Abuse, Neglect & Violence Awareness are Primary for Independent Living Provider. All other parties are listed as Secondary except School is not Secondary on Knowing How to Obtain Health History and Access to Appropriate Systems.

Next meeting was scheduled for Monday, June 6, 2016, 10am-12pm via teleconferences at New Castle County Courthouse, Kent County Courthouse and Sussex County Courthouse.

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