

WACF Child Placing Agency Division 2019 Advocacy Agenda

Administrative Priorities:

- Establish a collaborative and effective relationship with DCYF that will lead to a stronger partnership measured by:
 - The establishment of a regular meeting schedule that will allow opportunities to address issues that impede effective and efficient services being provided to children and families statewide. This meeting will incorporate identified outcomes, person(s) responsible to complete assigned tasks, and a mutual commitment to a culture of accountability with the intended purpose of implementing positive changes benefiting the children and families we serve.
 - Having ongoing communication with the leadership of DLR to collaborate around licensing concerns that directly impact the recruitment and retention of foster families statewide.
 - Both DCYF and CPA's being characterized by identifying work being done well in one region with the intention of using this information to help support other regions as they work to acquire the same standard.
 - Increased communication and collaboration that address best practices in the area of statewide recruitment and retention of foster homes.
- Improve access to FAMLINK (or any other subsequent Child Welfare Case Management system)
 - Allow Child Placing Agencies to easily obtain required documents and information
 - Allow Agency Staff to enter information that would benefit DCYF social workers
- Work with DCYF to reform Parent/Child Visitation best practices

Legislative Priorities:

- Fund incremental increase in Child Placing Agency Administrative Fee
- Department of Children, Youth & Families shall conduct Child Placing Agency Contract Evaluation
 - Contract should reflect services provided by and responsibilities awarded to Child Placing Agencies
- Fully fund cost of care provided by Child Placing Agencies
 - Conduct Rate Study of Child Placing Agencies consistent with updated contract
 - Implement Results by 2020

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