STATE OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF Health and Human services

Child Protective Services Contract Updates

Spring 2023



New Child Protective Services Contracts

RRTS Updates

CISR Updates

Maps

Looking Forward



Contract Breakdown

Recruitment, Retention, Training and Support (RRTS)

- Recruitment & Retention of Resource Families (R&R)
- Training & Support of Foster Parents (T&S)
- Post Adoption and Subsidized Guardianship Supports (PAS)

Crisis Intervention, Stabilization and Reunification (CISR)

- Child Welfare Emergency Services (CWES)
- Qualified Residential Treatment Programs(QRTP)
- Supervised Apartment Living (SAL)

Recruitment, Retention, Training and Support (RRTS)

Foster Parent and Post-Adopt



Scope of Work Improvements

Statewide contract

- Eliminated Service Area contracts
- Specialized Caseworker Model
 - Recruitment and Retention, Inquiry and Training
 - Licensing
 - Support
 - Centralized Statewide Referral, Matching and Information System
- Increased supports for foster and adoptive families

Resource Families

- Increased communication
- Monthly contact with a child placement
- Monthly phone contact with a child placement
- Bi-monthly contact with no child placement

Adoptive Families

- Monthly face to face support when a pre-adoptive placement is in the home
- Bi-monthly face to face support when no placement is in the home
- Contact every 6 months post-adoption
- Post-adoption discussions may focus on support services
- Outreach Plan
 - Provide awareness
 - Information at the time of adoption
 - Child Protective Services Partners
- New post-adoption service
 - Intensive case management service- crisis stabilization
 - 6 week home visiting service
- Additional supports
 - Peer mentoring groups
 - I0 days of paid respite per calendar year
 - \$100 stability grant

The referral system will be accessible to the community and able to accept referrals 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

HHS

Performance Measures

Stability

• Keep children in the home or exit foster care to permanency

Recruitment and Retention

- Increase the number of licensed non-white foster families
- Increase licensed relatives or fictive kin for specific placements

Path to Licensure

• Timely licensure of kin/fictive kin families

Resource Home Safety

• Children in licensed foster families or pre-adoptive care are safe from abuse by foster or preadoptive parents.

Adoptive and Subsidized Guardianship Family Support Services

• Gather data to determine if the contract meets the needs of families

Crisis Intervention Stabilization and Reunification (CISR)

Residential



Child Welfare Emergency Services (CWES)

- Shelter providers responsible for shelter beds
 - Removing diversion or alternative services
- MCO assistance with youth in the shelter setting
 - Child could qualify for I on I if they meet criteria and MCO has staff
- Utilize tools to identify supports
- Service plans will be completed
- Service planning conferences
- Continue
 - To utilize discharge summary
 - No Eject/No Reject protocol remains for shelter beds



Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTP)

- I2 additional PSB beds and added female SJDP beds
- Greater separation of JCS and HHS youth
- Align curriculum and model with the population served
- Allows for access to Managed Care Organization (MCO)
- Service plans
- Service planning conferences
- Continue:
 - Placing close to home when possible
 - No Eject/No Reject process
 - To utilize quarterly reports and discharge summary



Supervised Apartment Living (SAL)

- Identify life skills curriculum used in conjunction with motivational interviewing.
- Incorporate positive youth development
- Incentivize program completion and successful outcomes
- Emphasis on building informal supports and planning for post-SAL living.
- Increased SAL worker contact for youth in scattered SAL.
- Facilitate Youth Transition Decision Making (YTDM) meeting or Youth Centered Planning Meeting (YCP)
- Increased focus on family connections
- Service plans
- Service planning conferences

Performance Measure Changes

CWES

- Keep youth from entering further into the system after temporary informal shelter care.
- Contractor will be incentivized for children who do not incur criminal charges or placement in detention during their shelter stay.

QRTP

- Contractor may earn additional payment based on low levels of return to FGCS/QRTP among CINA Youth.
- Help JCS youth develop skills to reduce re-offense within 12-months of discharge.
- Contractor shall help a Child develop the skills necessary to return to Family or a Family-Like Setting.

SAL

- Increase positive informal supports.
- SAL providers successfully engaging children in Aftercare for 3 months will be incentivized.
- Improved life skills prior to aging out of child welfare programming.

IS QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM (QRTP)

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Looking Forward

Currently no SAL in Cedar Rapids

Disrupted adoptions

Therapeutic Foster Care

Triage Centers

Shelter Protocol (June 1, 2023)

Comfort Calls

Bridge Meetings

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Questions

