

Addressing the Behavioral Health Needs of Children Involved with DCS

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Community Forums/Stakeholder Engagement and Education

The planned cycle of 10 Foster Parent Forums has been completed. The primary issues that arose out of these meetings include the need to:

- consistently engage foster, kinship and adoptive placements in the CFT process;
- educate foster parents how to access the continuum of service;
- improve collaboration between foster parents and DCS Specialists;
- better coordinate services for children placed out of area; and
- expansion of crisis system responses that support foster homes to prevent disruptions.

SWOT analyses and work plans are being developed to address these issues.

Information on system changes related to HB2442 was shared with our contracted ICCA providers on 6/1/16.

Additional system partner engagement activities include:

- 5/23/16 Yuma Jacobs Law Meeting DCS and BH Provider
- 5/26/16 Jacobs Law Work Group
- 6/01/16 Behavioral Health and Jacob's Law 101 for Pima County for CASAs
- 6/05/16 TIC Training and Foster Parent Forum Provided updates on Jacobs Law
- 6/7/16 Pinal Best for Babies Meeting- Provided updates on Jacobs Law
- 6/10/16 Southeast Region DCS Leadership- Provided updates on Jacobs Law
- 6/15/16 Foster Adoptive Council of Tucson- Provided updates on Jacobs Law
- 6/15/16 Kinship Support Agency Meeting- Provided updates on Jacobs Law
- 6/16/16 Family Support Partner Training- Provided updates on Jacobs Law.

Cenpatico Staff Training on Jacob's Law Initiatives

- 6/6/16 Crisis Department and Medical Management Staff
- 6/8/16 Medical Management Staff
- 6/15/16 Customer Services Department
- 6/16/16 Program Development Department.



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Network Development

Cenpatico is training and certifying 23 High Fidelity Wraparound Facilitators in the Southern region to ensure the availability of community based treatment that meets the needs of the child and family, including foster families.

Program development guidance has been provided to BOOST, a second responder crisis provider for children in foster care. We have worked to ensure that the parameters of the program are clear to our system partners and that the service are easily accessible for foster and kinship placements.

Cenpatico helped to develop a birth-5 respite program with a contracted Family Run Organization. Information on this program has been given to behavioral health providers, DCS, foster care licensing workers and kinship support agencies.

Cenpatico is collaborating with a contracted specialty provider, to provide behavioral health groups and supports in a DCS contracted shelter. In addition, Cenpatico is working to provide appropriate community-based supports in that shelter to meet the needs of these children.

The Crisis Department at Cenpatico is coordinating closely with NurseWise to establish practices that address the requirements of HB2442 and streamline tracking of systemic concerns. Data collection, data reporting and real time Rapid Response reconciliation will be the focus of future meetings.