

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Technical Assistance Site Report



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The Colorado Department of Human Services requested NRCCPS technical assistance regarding the enhancement of Colorado's CPS safety intervention model. The technical assistance and consultation will focus on the following: 1) Analyze and diagnose potential gaps and/or areas of inconsistency and ineffectiveness in safety intervention practice and decision-making, 2) Review Volume 7 safety intervention policy and consider adjustment(s) as indicated, 3) consider safety documentation format issues and implications for practice and decision-making, 4) review of training curricula and staff development strategies and consider revisions as indicated and 5) build competency among Quality Improvement staff related to safety intervention.

Site Visit

The initial TA site visit occurred on March 31, 2005. Participating in the site visit meeting was Todd Holder, Coordinator of Curriculum Design for NRCCPS, Susan Ludwig, Colorado Department of Human Services- Family and Children Services Division, and Marc Mackert, Colorado Department of Human Services, Administrative Review Division.

The site visit considered the current status of safety intervention in Colorado and implications for adjustment to process, policy, training and QI. The site visit also involved identifying the expectations for the TA. A logic model for TA was developed during the site visit, which spelled out the goals, outcomes, activities and resources for the NRCCPS technical assistance.

The specific discussion that occurred during the site visit related to the following:

- The identification of issues and concerns that have been observed related to the state of safety intervention practice and decision-making;
- Anticipated outcomes for TA;
- Brainstorm "what must change" in terms of safety model enhancement to advance consistent and effective safety intervention;
- Determine who or what are the inputs or resources available to support TA; and
- Determine specific tasks/ activities for TA.

Next Steps

- A safety intervention workgroup is in the process of being formed. The safety intervention workgroup will include a cross-section of state DHS administrator(s), county CPS/ child welfare supervisors, staff development and QI.
- A second site visit is scheduled for May 12th. The purpose for the site visit is to convene the safety workgroup to discuss safety intervention issues, to compare the state of practice and the state of the art and develop a specific work plan for TA