

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Technical Assistance Site Report



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Situation and Technical Assistance Request: See Report 1, and the logic model and workplan.

Site Visit:

In follow up to the initial meeting, NRCCPS staff developed a one day orientation to state of the art safety, review extensive policy and safety related materials, analyzed data in terms of workload and safety issues, and developed a plan for day two of site visit.

On July 28th and 29th, NRCCPS(Clint Holder and Emily Hutchinson) provided a two day on site consultation with about 40 key Nebraska Administrators. The focus was two fold: First to provide a detailed overview of current state of the art practice in safety assessment and management, and second to describe and discuss a systemic approach to safety intervention as a primary focus of HHS. This was a meeting dedicated to decision making about direction and service delivery, and to begin the development of a strategic plan for safety intervention. New safety focused definitions were adopted, as were new conceptual frameworks for services. A draft of a strategic plan was developed to be further refined off site.

Next Steps

NRCCPS agreed to do a review of four different safeties models, off site, and provide an analysis of these models in comparison to current state of the art and to refine the strategic plan. Both of these documents were provided to Nebraska HHS within agreed upon time frames. On September 14th, Nebraska HHS held an internal meeting to review and further plan around these concepts. Contingent upon Regional office approval, there will be another site visit on October 21 to assist in decision making about model selection, and there will be a safety orientation for supervisors in December.