

# **NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

## **Technical Assistance Site Report**



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## Technical Assistance

The Nevada Department of Human Resources requested NRCCPS technical assistance related to two PIP safety outcome strategies: 1) development of risk assessment and 2) development of CPS intake screening criteria and urgency guidelines. The state is pursuing risk assessment as a strategy for addressing repeat maltreatment. The development and/or enhancement of intake screening criteria and response guidelines are intended to ensure that reports of child maltreatment are processed, screened, assigned and responded to in a timely and accurate manner.

In preparation for the March visit several tasks and activities occurred. A concept paper was completed which outlined a proposed approach for risk assessment and/or front end CPS family assessment. The concept paper was submitted to the PIP Executive Decision-Making team for review and approval. On February 15 the PIP risk assessment workgroup received approval to proceed with the further development of the assessment model. The PIP risk assessment workgroup obtained and reviewed existing policy related to risk assessment/ family assessment. The first draft of policy related to Nevada's assessment process was initiated the week of February 21, 2005. An onsite visit with the PIP risk assessment workgroup was scheduled for the purpose of reviewing the drafted policy, edit and finalized policy development.

## Site Visit

The TA site visit occurred on March 1 and 2, 2005. Participating in the site visit meeting was Todd Holder from NRCCPS, and the Nevada PIP risk assessment workgroup. The meeting focused on the completion of the risk assessment policy, which is due no later than March 11<sup>th</sup> for final review by the state.

Technical assistance involved the following:

- Review concept for the assessment approach;
- Discuss assessment process in terms of objectives, decisions and integration with CPS intake and ongoing child welfare;
- Review and edit drafted risk assessment policy;
- Develop, review and edit proposed family assessment documentation format/ tool; and
- General discussion regarding implementation issues.

## Next Steps

- Finalized development of the Nevada Family Assessment tool;
- Draft supplemental assessment content guidelines; and
- A third site visit will be scheduled to focus on the development of intake screening eligibility criteria and urgency response guidelines. This site visit will also involve consultation related to the state's continued efforts in implementing the safety intervention model.