

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 (*repeat maltreatment*) and 2) development of CPS intake screening criteria and urgency guidelines (*timeliness of initiating investigations*).

Technical assistance and consultation that has been completed thus far is as follows:

Risk Assessment:

- Identification of criteria for developing a risk assessment model;
- Conceptualization of a risk assessment model;
- Review of policy and standards related to investigation and risk assessment;
- Draft risk assessment policy;
- Draft Family Risk Assessment Protocol (FRAP) documentation format;
- Discuss model integration and cohesion into the existing child welfare system, including the relationship between FRAP and Nevada's safety assessment model.

Intake Screening and Response Guidelines:

- Prepare concept paper for CPS intake screening decisions and urgency response guidelines;
- Review policy related to CPS intake decision-making.

The primary purpose for the third onsite meeting was to begin concentrating efforts on the development of CPS intake policy. 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.

Site Visit

The TA site visit occurred on March 15 and 16, 2005. Participating in the site visit meeting was Todd Holder from NRCCPS, and the Nevada PIP risk assessment and CPS intake screening workgroup. The meeting focused on the continued development of the risk assessment process and documentation format, and the conceptualization and drafting of intake screening criteria and urgency response guidelines.

Technical assistance involved the following:

- Q and A related to Nevada's assessment approach: Family Risk Assessment Protocol (FRAP);
- Review a "training case" documented on the FRAP format
- Discuss and clarify the integration of FRAP and safety intervention and decision-making;
- Review the CPS intake screening concept paper;
- Preliminary draft of a framework for CPS intake policy.

Next Steps

- Provide feedback and assist with editing CPS intake policy;
- Review Family Risk Assessment Protocol documentation format and provide feedback;
- It is anticipated that a forth onsite visit will be scheduled in May to provide consultation related to the implementation of the Family Risk Assessment Protocol.