

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

## **Technical Assistance Site Report**

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## Technical Assistance

NRCCPS technical assistance has resulted in the outputs identified in the TA Logic Model and work plan. Technical assistance began in January 2005. Since January there have been four onsite TA meetings (see previous site reports for information regarding the progression of TA).

The collaboration between NRCCPS and the South Dakota CPS Ongoing Case Management (PIP) workgroup has accomplished the following work:

- The articulation of a concept for change related to ongoing CPS intervention;
- The integration of safety concepts, standards, criteria into ongoing CPS;
- The conceptualization of an approach to a case plan assessment;
- The integration of the case plan and the case evaluation, with respect to measuring progress toward change;
- The revision of a case plan format; and
- The development of a case evaluation format.

## Site Visit

In preparation for the most recent site visit, a Protective Capacity Assessment Instructional Guidelines was drafted for review and the case evaluation format was further edited.

The fourth TA site visit occurred on June 21 and 22, 2005. Participating in the site visit were Todd Holder from NRCCPS and the South Dakota CPS Ongoing Case Management (PIP) workgroup. Technical assistance and consultation during the site visit involved reviewing the final drafts of the PCA Case Plan Format and the Protective Capacities Case Plan Evaluation. Also reviewed and edited during the meeting was the Protective Capacity Assessment Instructional Guidelines.

Beyond the review of these documents, a significant amount of time was spent outlining an implementation plan for the Protective Capacity Assessment and PC Case Plan Evaluation. The implementation of the Protective Capacity Assessment will begin in August with a staff needs assessment for PCA pilot sites. The needs assessment is intended to prompt supervisors and managers to consider professional competencies of their staff which are associated with effectively completing the PCA. The needs assessment will be followed at the end of August by a statewide managers meeting to discuss the PCA and the PC Case Plan Evaluation. Prior to the manager's meeting, District Supervisors, Program Specialist and County office Supervisors will be provided with the *Protective Capacity Assessment Model Summary and Protocol*, with the expectation that they review the document in preparation for the meeting.

Two implementation activities are scheduled to occur in September: preparation of pilot sites and development of the PCA training curriculum. The preparation of the pilot sites will be based on the results of the needs assessment. The training curriculum will be designed and completed by the end of September.

Training of the pilot sites will be completed by the end of October. At present, it is anticipated that there will be five training sessions needed for the pilot sites. The first training session will be exclusively for supervisors and managers. The four remaining training sessions will focus on workers and their supervisors. Consultations with the pilot sites will occur in the months following the trainings. And community education meetings regarding the PCA will be scheduled in November 2005.

## Next Steps

A final site visit is scheduled for August 30, 2005. The purpose for the site visit is to assist with the facilitation of the manager's/ supervisor's meeting regarding the PCA and the PC Case Plan Evaluation.