

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Technical Assistance Site Report



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NRCCPS technical assistance has focused on the development of a case plan assessment model and ongoing case evaluation. Previous site visits involved the conceptualization of the case plan and case evaluation intervention model(s).

In preparation for the most recent site visit, a Protective Capacity Assessment model summary and practice protocol was drafted for review. A case plan format and a case evaluation format were also drafted and presented for review during the site visit. Please see the January and February site reports for further background information related to South Dakota's technical assistance.

Site Visit

The third TA site visit occurred on May 4, 5 and 6, 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 and discussing the Protective Capacity Assessment model summary and practice protocol, and reviewing drafts of the case plan and case evaluation formats.

Specific workgroup tasks that were completed during the site visit were as follows:

- Status check regarding work accomplished and work needing to be completed
- Established criteria for reviewing the Protective Capacity Assessment model summary and practice protocol
- Discussion model design, necessary adjustments and/or areas in need of refinement
- Developed a final draft of a case plan format
- Applied two case examples to the case plan format
- Discussed the case evaluation process
- Reviewed and edited a draft of the case evaluation format
- Considered the integration of ongoing safety management and case evaluation
- Discussed various implementation issues/ implications

Next Steps

A fourth site visit is scheduled for the week of June 20th. The purpose for the site visit is to review changes made to the Protective Capacity Assessment model design and practice protocol, finalize drafts of the case plan and case evaluation format and further consider the "phasing in" and implementation of the case plan assessment.

In preparation for the next site visit the following work needs to be completed:

1. To define and describe the selected intervention techniques used during the protective capacity assessment;
2. To further develop facilitative objectives of the assessment process and formulate discrete assessment instructions;
3. To produce a final draft of the case plan format; and
4. To produce a draft of the case evaluation format