

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Technical Assistance Site Report

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Technical Assistance

Technical assistance provided to the Colorado Department of Human Services has focused on safety intervention policy development and implementation, with the vast majority of TA and consultation related primarily to CPS intake safety practice and decision-making. In addition to the continuing efforts to work with the Colorado Safety Advisory group on revising and editing drafts of the CPS Intake (assessment) safety policy, TA has involved engaging county child welfare directors and administrators, judicial representative and various statewide stakeholders in critically considering practice standards outlined in safety policy, discuss implications for statewide county implementation and provide information regarding the state-of-the art for safety intervention.

Within the last couple of months (June and July 2006) TA shifted to examining the current status (effectiveness) of ongoing CPS safety management. The Colorado Safety Advisory group was reformed with the inclusion of several ongoing CPS supervisors and administrators. With the advisory group now meeting to address safety in ongoing CPS, a preliminary determination was reach to carefully consider the influence of supervisor on ongoing safety intervention, and to collect and analyze information regarding the state of ongoing safety practice compared to the state-of-the-art.

Site Visit

The technical assistance site visit occurred on July 28, 2006. The site visit involved a meeting with the Colorado Ongoing CPS Safety Advisory Group and Todd Holder from NRCCPS. At the onset of the meeting the advisory group identified expectations and outcomes for their work together. An overview of fundamental practice and decision-making standards for ongoing safety management was presented and discussed. The meeting concluded with a review of a proposed methodology for conducting a “diagnostic” review of ongoing safety intervention in Colorado (see attached meeting presentation slides).

Five county CPS agencies were identified for participation in the diagnostic review: Pueblo County, Adams County, Morgan County, Summit County and Weld County. Logistical issues associated with conducting the review were discussed and resolved, and a tentative schedule of completing the onsite review work was set.

Next Steps

- This concludes NRCCPS technical assistance to the Colorado Department of Human Services for this fiscal year.