

Kansas T/TA Work Plan

1. Please describe the scope and details of the planned on-site T/TA: Technical assistance will focus on one of the state's primary strategic initiatives, incorporating safety into decision making throughout the CPS process. NRCCPS will work with state office staff to identify policy changes that are necessary to incorporate safety factors into decision making and to review current risk and safety assessment practices. NRCCPS will also provide training to field staff on safety and risk assessment, family-centered practice, and the use of critical thinking skills to improve decision making.

2. Has the Regional Office approved the on-site T/TA days? Yes

3. Timeframes for planned on-site T/TA: January 1 - September 30, 2006

4. What are the various T/TA tasks and who is responsible (e.g., NRC, State/Tribe/Court, RO Specialist etc.?)

Task 1: Develop curriculum related to safety and risk assessment, family centered practice, and the role of the supervisor in developing critical thinking skills and promoting good decision making and conduct three workshops at the annual supervisor's conference.	Responsible party: Mary Jo Pankoke
	Due date: 04/30/2006
Task 2: Establish criteria for screening reports and standards for collecting information incorporating safety threats. Revise screening guidelines to incorporate information related to safety.	Responsible party: SRS Staff & MJP
	Due date: 5/30/06
Task 3: Review current policy, forms and appendices and identify changes that are needed to incorporate safety influences in the intake and screening process.	Responsible party: SRS Staff & MJP
	Due date: 5/30/06
Task 4: Review proposed changes with Intake & Assessment & Screening Work Groups.	Responsible party: SRS Staff & MJP
	Due Date: 5/30/06
Task 5: Clarify population to be served in CPS.	Responsible party: SRS Staff & MJP
	Due date: 5/30/06
Task 6: Update training materials, including on-line training.	Responsible party: SRS Staff
	Due date: 9/15/06
Task 7: Assess current safety assessment practice during investigation, case planning, reunification and case closure processes through survey, focus groups, key informant interviews, etc.	Responsible party: SRS Staff & MJP
	Due Date: 5/30/06

Task 8: Research safety models used in other states.	Responsible party: MJP
	Due date: 8/15/06
Task 9: Compare Kansas safety assessment model to models used in other states and make a decision about whether to continue with current model, revise current model or adopt a new model.	Responsible party: SRS Staff & MJP
	Due date: 9/15/06

5. What are the plans for following up on-site T/TA and who will be responsible? Regular communication will be maintained between site visits through e-mail and conference calls.

6. What are the timeframes for follow-up? Follow-up will be ongoing.

7. What are the expected outcomes for the organization and the children and families served as a result of the T/TA? Improved decision making throughout the CPS process.

8. Will the expected outcomes of the T/TA be captured in any ongoing evaluation efforts? The work plan includes the development of a Quality Assurance process.

9. If yes, explain.