

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Technical Assistance Site Report



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Situation and Technical Assistance Request

This is ongoing technical assistance and consultation consistent with the work plan and the site report of January 30th. The primary focus continues to be on developing procedures that are consistent with sound safety practice, with the goal being to have procedures for screening, initial assessment and in home services developed and written by March 15, 2006.

Site Visit

Prior to the site visit, the group was provided with a detailed safety intervention model approach by NRCCPS for review and consideration of it's applicability to Oregon. A site visit occurred on February 7, 2006 in Portland with key leadership and the procedure writers. A one hour overview of key safety practice issues was provided by NRCCPS. Extensive dialogue occurred about the safety model including clarification of definitions, the conceptual framework, tasks for screening, initial assessment and in home services There was also discussion about how the current computerized safety assessment system (GAP) can be adapted to accommodate the changes to be made The work group reported being ready to move ahead with writing procedures for implementation of a model for safety practice.

Next Steps

Oregon staff developed a plan for moving forward with writing procedures for screening, initial assessment and in home components of a CPS safety intervention system with a target completion date (i.e.) ready for printing of March 7 to the 15th. Next steps beyond this will include procedures for out of home care, reunification, etc. NRCCPS agreed to review the procedures with an exclusive focus on safety aspects with a 24-48 hour turnaround

period. On going consultation is available off site via email and telephone conferences.