

NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Technical Assistance Report



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Please indicate which responses were employed in this T/TA:

- Technical Assistance
- Training
- Phone Consultation
- Referral to another NRC
- Referral to Other Organization
- Review of Policy and Materials
- Publications Provided
- Secondary Research
- other

(Please explain the Service Responses in the report which follows)

Situation and Technical Assistance:

Focus of TA this year has been on developing a process, format and procedure to guide PA county staff in continuously assessing the safety of children in placement.

Site Visit

The final TA site visit for this fiscal year was held on September 22 and 23, 2009. Participants included representatives from county agencies, PA leadership, CWTP leaders, and provider representatives joined the meeting for a brief time on day 2. Final review of the tool for assessing safety in placement occurred and discussion was held around the frequency/intervals that will drive when these assessments should be completed. Additionally, a draft of a communication tool (developed by the NRC consultant) to be used to inform all organizations with children in the placement home when safety concerns are identified was discussed and reviewed.

It is anticipated that the model for assessing safety in substitute care will be finalized by the end of the calendar year. Training is projected to begin in January, 2010.