

Resource Family Advisory Board Group Notes
Child Welfare Partners Meeting
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Topic	Who	Action
Introductions	Kim Fordham – Opened and led group discussion	Where we started and where we are headed... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↻ Review the metrics ↻ Discuss where we are at and where we want to be ↻ The PRIDE Partners are here to share what has happened in different Regions during the past year. ↻ Purpose for the Advisory Group was to insure availability, sustainability and preparation of a well-trained Resource Family pool. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How can we help families after they have completed the training program, therapeutic training, etc. ↻ Where we fit and why we fit.
Education		What types of training are the families using for training? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Distinguish what is acceptable and what should <u>not</u> be allowed – purposeful training (i.e. Dr. Phil, Oprah).

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Maybe start to guide the process around what type of children they want in their home (i.e. infant, ADHD, FAS). ▪ Having special topics to offer the foster families – can we have expert speakers, etc. ▪ Another idea was to offer video and discussion on different topics <p>After this meeting where do we go from here – do we have a vision? We have a draft of the Family Development Plan.</p>
Special topics	Group Discussion	<p>Address supports for Resource Families Eliminate the barrier of child care for families to go to training Can we pay for a special speaker to come in and share on different topics? Suggestion was that the group try to meet at a restaurant and have dinner Can we pay for mentoring programs to have a place to meet? Kinship caregivers are a great support group What are the 3 main areas we want to go to – we could go all over the board, so we want to try and limit it to 3 main areas. We need to be able to show that what we are doing is making a difference. Where are we today – or are we the same – or have we gone backwards</p>
Value Sharing and Building a Collective Vision	Group Discussion	<p>Just by with what is happening tomorrow we have moved forward on a State level, but not so much on a regional level, there are some issues. Very valuable group to be working with – academy being offered to foster families as well as staff – some felt that we are heading in the right direction but are not willing to declare that we are there yet – getting the colleges on board was a huge task (the more we can integrate the trainers into the college the more the college involvement. As long as we are solid we can get through the ebb and flow – promote the solidity will be helpful The stopping of moving left is out of our control – it is a lot bigger than us One issue was the fact that adoption families were not being allowed to attend PRIDE Assessment piece and home studies</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Action point: Kathy will take this to meeting and share adoption and PRIDE ideas: with adoption piece have them get adoption assessment from another place (not taking up the time of our workers)
Commitment	Group Discussion	The group agreed that they have moved forward on this point
Funding	Group Discussion	Still sort of a single source of funding – the door is starting to open. The colleges have started to add more (it is a two way street)
Planning	Group Discussion	On several levels (per region) this has gone backwards – during meetings we are not looked at as partners – but, groups in this governance seems that maybe overall we are going forward. Do not just focus on the macro level (i.e. Telehealth Conference – here it is, do it).

Decision-Making	Group Discussion	Do not just focus on the macro level (i.e. Telehealth Conference – here it is, do it). Partner with Kathy James to discuss in a forum – how this should work, what needs to be done to run more smoothly, collaboration with others instead of expectations. When regions are going to pair down on trainings – there are no notes being taken. Notes are really important to have. –Check into work study program at college. If you have issues go to the managers and let them know. Offer a college credit, certification program.
Training	Group Discussion	Moved towards integration – put at integration (not the other two yellow ones)
Outcomes Assessment and Evaluation Focus	Group Discussion	Lots of evaluations – moving towards integration. What are ways that we would support it and be able to defend it? Vision Brainstorming: Incorporating IV-E students into the evaluations process
Rap Up Notes	Kim Fordham	↳ Agenda Item: Grant writers within each college