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**Webinar Overview and Welcome -Jeff Van Deusen and Lakeisha Hilton, Assistant Deputy Directors**

Good morning. Thank you for joining us on this bi-weekly call.

These past few weeks we have seen and heard from many of our citizens and leaders in response to recent tragic events. Many of you have heard how Governor DeWine would like Ohio to intensify its efforts to improve health and economic disparities, racism, and inequity. Since we last spoke, our ODJFS Director, Kimberly Hall shared a message, which I would like to read to you:

*Now, more than ever, our work is critical to the Ohioans we serve. As an agency, we have always championed the cause of those in need, and we cannot turn away from the collective pain that our nation is experiencing. Black and brown people are in despair over the historical and present impacts of institutionalized racism. Over 100,000 people have lost their lives to an incurable disease. Millions are unemployed and experiencing food insecurity. The past 60 days have upended the entire fabric of our lives. We cannot let this crisis go to waste.*

*Global solutions to our most complex challenges begin at the individual level. I implore each one of you to join me in examining how we can turn the tide on all of this pain by first treating one another with compassion and respect. You have a defined sphere of influence in your family, community, and at work. We are all leaders, and I ask that you use your special authority for good. I do believe it is just that simple.*

June is going to be a month full of promise. We recognize June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month, which you'll hear more about this later in the call.

We hope these calls have been a good resource and you have found them useful as you continue the important work.

My name is Lakeisha Hilton and I am one of the Assistant Deputy Directors in the Office of Families and Children, along with my counterpart Jeff Van Deusen.

My name is Jeff Van Deusen, Assistant Deputy Director in the Office of Families and Children.

It has certainly been a stressful week in our nation, on top of the stress of the pandemic.

Thank you for your partnership as we navigate the current times.

As a reminder, if you have questions, please submit them in the question box on the right of the screen. We will answer your questions at the end, however, if we are unable to answer them

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immediately, we will get the answer to you when we send the final talking points and Q/As. You may also find them on our website under [OFC-Bi-Weekly Webinars](#).

If you need additional clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Foster Care Licensing Specialist, Technical Assistance Specialist, or e mail our [OFC Help Desk](#)

We will have several of our senior managers share updates. On the last call, you provided feedback that you would like routine updates on FFPSA. We plan to provide these updates on each of the calls if there is new information.

**Family First Updates- Angie Hughes, Bureau Chief**

**Prevention Services Implementation Workgroup**

The Prevention Services Implementation Workgroup met on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The timeline for Prevention Services Implementation was shared with the group as well as the phased approach for implementing prevention services in Ohio. The FFPSA Executive Committee convened on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, reviewed and approved the phased approach to onboard prevention services in Ohio. The workgroup discussed reactions to the identified phase one services as well as prioritization for implementation of the identified phase one services with consideration given to capacity and resources.

Phase I:

- MH (mental health): MST (MultiSystemic Therapy), FFT (Functional Family Therapy)
  - SU (substance use): OhioSTART+
  - PP (parenting program): PAT (Parents as Teachers), HFA (Healthy Families America)
- Other elements of the prevention plan were discussed as relates to policy, evaluation/fidelity strategies for prevention services, workforce development and training, data reporting elements and how to best determine prevention services caseloads. The approved prevention services are being incorporated into the plan in addition to finalizing outstanding elements with the goal of providing the draft plan to the FFPSA Deputies Planning team mid-June. The Prevention Services Plan draft is currently being reviewed by the OFC CPS policy team. The team has conducted an analysis of the FFPSA resources for implementation in Ohio to guide the policy work specific to considerations for prevention services case flow.

**QRTP Implementation Workgroup**

The QRTP Implementation Workgroup met on June 9<sup>th</sup>. As with the Prevention Services Implementation Workgroup, the FFPSA Executive Committee meeting highlights were shared with the QRTP workgroup. Project Status Updates were shared specific to:

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**QRTP Rule**

Posted for clearance review from April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup>. The Substitute Care Policy staff has reviewed feedback and comments received through the clearance process. A Business Impact Analysis is being finalized for submission this week to the Ohio Common Sense Initiative Office for review (minimum 16 business days) prior to original filing. We anticipate that the rule will then be original filed during the first week of July 2020.

**Trauma Informed Care Model**

Based on feedback received after the kickoff meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>, updates were made to the Treatment Model Application.

Some areas that were amended include:

- clarified that the form should only be used when an agency is applying to have a new program added to the approved QRTP trauma program list
- clarified that agencies still have an option of either implementing an approved program or demonstrating the SAMHSA 6 principles of care and 10 domains
- Removed and merged redundant language
- Clarified optional versus required questions

The Draft QRTP Training Plan was presented during the May 21<sup>st</sup> Implementation Meeting. Based on feedback received after the meeting, team leads met and incorporated the following changes:

- Incorporated information about TIC training
- Identified additional strategies, including developing infographics/one- pagers, and biweekly “brown bag” sessions

**Model Standard Updates- Jeff Van Deusen and Lakeisha Hilton**

**Rules**

- There are a couple different rules moving. Angie discussed the QRTP rule, which is not yet final.
- However, the other rule is the foster care model standards rule.
- These rules and forms were final filed on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, with the effective date to be June 15, 2020.

**Webinar**

- OFC will be conducting a webinar on June 11<sup>th</sup> from 10 am 10- 12 pm called ‘New Substitute Care Policies and Their Impact on Licensing and SACWIS Activities’
- The webinar will provide an overview of the model standards policy, SACWIS functionality and how licensing will assess the rules.
- The webinar will be recorded and available on the knowledge base. Once available, we will send an email with the Powerpoint and Q/A doc.

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If you did not receive an invitation with the registration link, please email Felicia Saunders at [Felicia.Saunders2@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:Felicia.Saunders2@jfs.ohio.gov)

**Virtual Training Flexibility- Jeff Van Deusen and Lakeisha Hilton**

- OFC continues to work with our partners in the Ohio Child Welfare Training Program to expand the availability and delivery of training outside of traditional classroom settings.
- We are aware of the need to be flexible in training delivery during the restrictions of in-person meetings due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are working with our partners in the training system to increase availability and access to training by virtual delivery methods.
- Currently, foster caregiver training is available online, and Caseworker Core Modules 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8 are available online, and an increasing number of elective training courses continue to be added.
- The courses available, including a link to Foster Parent College, are listed at: <https://www.ocwtpdistancelearning.net>

**Elder Abuse Awareness Month - Lakeisha Hilton**

- According to 2018 Census estimates, Ohio has the 6<sup>th</sup> largest older adult population in the nation, with Ohioans of age 60 and older making up 24.3% of our state's population.
- More than 80 referrals of elder abuse are received daily by Ohio's Adult Protective Services agencies each day.
- Governor DeWine and Lieutenant Governor Husted have issued a proclamation that Ohio will recognize World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, 2020 to raise awareness of the risks of abuse and vulnerability of Ohio's elder citizen population.

**Fiscal Updates- Alicia Allen, Bureau Chief (Specific to Public Children Services Agencies)**

**Pandemic Funding**

I would like to take this opportunity to share some questions we've received about the pandemic stimulus funds as it relates to IV-E eligibility.

***Q1. How do the pandemic stimulus funds affect Title IV-E eligibility and/or a custody child receiving SSI benefits?***

**A1.**

- If a family was in receipt of stimulus funds in the eligibility month, prior to removal, the income is not counted. SACWIS is working to develop a place for this information to be captured as "other" income not used in the calculation of need.
- Some of you may receive stimulus funds for a child in care who is an SSI recipient. This is also not counted "income." Similar to the stimulus funds in 2009, your agency can

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decide how to use the money on behalf of the child. You may use it for their cost of care, personal items, dedicated savings account, etc. The use of these funds is not reimbursable. **Keep all receipts for any potential audit.**

- For the 2820, if your agency chooses to use the stimulus funding for cost of care, personal items, etc., then the stimulus funding can be receipted to the PCSA Fund using **Project Code 789 - Other Placement Reimbursement**. For a dedicated savings account the funds would be deposited in a dedicated account at a bank for the child using your agency tax identification number.
  - a) For entry into SACWIS, you can use the “SSI in excess of FCM” feature. If you need assistance, contact the SACWIS helpdesk.
  - b) For how to code the 2820, you can contact your ODJFS Fiscal Supervisor that is assigned to your county or BCFTA Help Desk: 614-752-9194, [CFIS\\_Help\\_Desk@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:CFIS_Help_Desk@jfs.ohio.gov)
  - c) For information on a dedicated savings accounts here us a link to the SSA; <https://www.ssa.gov/ssi/spotlights/spot-dedicated-accounts.htm>

**Q2. How does the pandemic unemployment income affect Title IV-E eligibility?**

**A2.**

- On March 27, 2020, the President signed the CARES Act, which includes the Relief for Workers Affected by Coronavirus Act set forth in Title II, Subtitle A. The CARES Act creates new unemployment compensation (UC) programs, including the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation FPUC, that states are administering. The Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation program (FPUC), provides an additional \$600 per week to individuals who are collecting regular unemployment compensation. Currently, this benefit is available through July 31, 2020.
- Since the FPUC (\$600) additional unemployment benefit is a part of the COVID-19 federal stimulus funds, the income is not counted in the eligibility determination. All other state funded unemployment compensation, regardless if their unemployment is due to COVID-19 is counted in the eligibility determination as unearned income.

**Future Agenda Items - Jeff Van Deusen & Lakeisha Hilton**

- We received great feedback after the last call on future agenda topics. We will do our best to accommodate those suggestions on these calls.
- If you have additional suggestions on topics for us to cover, please let us know through the question box or send an email.
- As mentioned on previous calls, these calls were scheduled to address critical COVID-19 questions and updates.
- We have received great feedback regarding the calls and therefore we plan to continue providing the calls on a monthly basis beginning in June.

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**Questions and Answers**

**Question 1:** Regarding the Foster Care Model Rules, the body references the immunization rules apply to those licensed on or after June 1<sup>st</sup>, but the effective date of the rules is June 15<sup>th</sup>. How does this effect those who have already been approved after June 1<sup>st</sup>?

Agencies will be required to adhere to this requirement for homes effective on or after June 15<sup>th</sup> when the rule is effective, not June 1<sup>st</sup>, since that date has passed.

**Question 2:** There are those who completed pre-service in the past year and are currently under study. They would have not had training in med administration, reporting C/AN or anything outside of pre-service training regarding Understanding Important Connections. Is there some supplemental training available? Are they on hold until such training is available?

Current pre-service training provides information on medication administration, reporting C/AN and Permanent Connections. Though these topics may be minimally and expanded within pre-service in the future, these training meet the minimal requirements.

**Question 3:** Will you please post the registration URL for the webinar on this chat?

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6521222563384508686>

The webinar will also be recorded.

**Question 5:** How do you send out Talking Points? I don't believe I received any after the last meeting.

The goal is to send an e-mail of the talking points document and the Q & As by the end of the week to all participants, all PCSA Directors and Private Agency Directors. If you didn't receive a copy, we will forward it to you. They are also stored on our OFC Website under Coronavirus.

<https://jfs.ohio.gov/ocf/CoronavirusAndChildServices/>

**Question 6:** What is the likelihood of being able to continue online and virtual trainings for pre-service post COVID. Given the amazing increase in interested families due to that increased flexibility, I would like to know if this is in the works.

ODJFS continues to evaluate future training needs, including more virtual trainings post COVID-19. If future updates are made, OFC will provide notification.

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**Question 7:** When will home visits become mandatory for post placement supervision?

At this time, the guidance remains the same. It is suggested that each county assess the need for face-to-face contact on a case-by-case basis.

**Question 8:** Right now, we are permitted to make video visits. When will that cease to be permitted?

At this time, the guidance remains the same. It is suggested that each county assess the need for face-to-face contact on a case-by-case basis.

**Question 9:** Can a private agency send an adoptive couple to distance learning pre-service as we have a contract with RTC to provide training for our agency.

We suggest you reach out to the RTC to discuss this situation and training availability.

**Question 10:** Idea for future agenda topic - I apologize if I missed part of the conversation around this, but I believe a conversation about how ODJFS is addressing the race related issues our country is facing and any resources for agencies surrounding this topic would be a good topic.

Thank you for your question. We consider this a priority and we will take this into consideration and share what we've learned as we explore ways to include training, conversations and resources for our staff and our partners.

**Question 11:** Training specifically on how to promote healthy discussion around race that is also in alignment with MEPA for foster care would be appreciated.

ODJFS recommends that agencies follow the guidance issued by the Ohio Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. If you have additional questions, please reach out to your licensing specialist.

**Question 12:** Not sure if I heard this correctly, but was it stated that ODJFS is relooking at the option for PNAs to participate in the [www.ocwtpdistancelearning.net](http://www.ocwtpdistancelearning.net) website? We (PNA) sent 2 potential families to participate in the live synchronous and FPC outline for pre-service, which we later found out we are not permitted - it is only for PCSAs.

ODJFS continues to look at options to make distance learning available to private agencies.

**Comments**

Please make sure I am listed for the talking points...[jburt@fcsohio.org](mailto:jburt@fcsohio.org)

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**Closing -Jeff Van Deusen & Lakeisha Hilton**

Thank you for your commitment to collaboration and taking the time for these calls, they are so helpful and promote collaboration and information sharing, this has been so great!

We are #InThisTogether and we do appreciate you!

**Notes**

- Frequency of Meetings - Will move to monthly beginning in July

**Topics**

- Family First Updates - will be ongoing

**Links**

- Foster Care Model Rules  
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