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Webinar Overview-Jeff Van Deusen

Good morning. Thank you for joining this month's call.

I'm Jeff Van Deusen, and I am the Deputy Director of the Office of Families and Children. Joining me today are Lakeisha Hilton, OFC's Assistant Deputy Director over operations and Gina Speaks-Eshler, OFC's Assistant Deputy Director over technical assistance and policy.

Housekeeping Items

- Our agency is moving toward our meetings being in Microsoft Teams.
- This is our first meeting using Teams Live.
- I learned today there have been issues with Teams, so we hope the technology works today, but we apologize in advance for any issue.
- As a reminder, if you have questions, please submit in the question box on the right of the screen.
- We will answer the questions at the end of the call. If we are unable to answer, we will get responses to you when we send the final talking points and Q&As.

Workforce Development Month

- I want to take this opportunity to reiterate what I said in my email last week regarding workforce development month.
- Again, thank you so much for all you do for children and families in Ohio. You are truly the superheroes and you are so much appreciated.

Communication Reminder

- OFC is doing our best to communicate to ensure you have the most recent information. I have sent several emails recently and several more will be come in the next couple of weeks.
- If you want to delegate this appointment for the monthly calls to your administrators or other staff, feel free to do so.
- If you have reason to believe you are not receiving emails, please email Joanna Valentine at Joanna.Valentine@jfs.ohio.gov to be added

Let's get started with some important updates, brought to you by our senior leadership team. We will start with Angie Hughes.

OFC Updates and Reminders

Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Angela Hughes

- On September 15, 2020 OFC announced that \$4 million of the Family First Transition Act funding will be dedicated to supporting congregate care facilities in moving toward Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) compliance. With the deadline of agencies to meet QRTP compliance to retain IV-E reimbursability after October 1, 2021, OFC in partnership with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services,

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has been working swiftly to stand up these supports to ensure funding to both maintain and support agencies.

- Starting in October, The QRTP Implementation Team will be hosting brown bag sessions to present information on each of the QRTP requirements, as well as give attendees an opportunity to ask questions. The first session will address the Trauma Informed-Care Standards and is tentatively scheduled from 11:30-1:00pm on October 14th. Registration information will be shared soon.
- SACWIS and OCALM Development continues to support Family First functionality. SACWIS enhancements to support Foster Care Model Standards and QRTP compliance documentation went live on September 22nd.
- ODJFS in partnership with the Center for the Study of Social Policy presented on Family First at PCSAO's Annual Conference on September 16, 2020. I'd like to thank those of you on the call that attended. The presentation was well attended with almost 200 attendees. The presentation generated great dialogue.
- The QRTP and OhioKAN OAC rules were final filed September 21, 2020 in preparation for an October 1, 2020 effective date.
- ODJFS continues to partner with our state departments to draft a Request for Proposal to select a vendor who will implement phase 1 evidenced based programs, build capacity for existing services, and monitor to fidelity and evaluation. We anticipate a release date early fall 2020.
- Additional priorities include continued collaboration between our state departments to ensure consistency and alignment of rules, policy, technical assistance provision, and communication and messaging to our stakeholders.

Family First Prevention Services Act Prevention Services Overview- Angela Hughes
Public Children Services Agency and IV-E Courts Only

The Office of Families and Children (OFC) is pleased to announce a Microsoft Teams Live Event providing an overview of Ohio's plans to implement the Prevention Services section of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA). This live event is intended for PCSA Administrators, Supervisors, Casework Staff, and Stakeholders who will be responsible for implementing the Family First Prevention Services Act within their agency.

The FFPSA Microsoft Teams Live Event will include:

- An overview of FFPSA and the culture shift involved in CPS' systemic provision of prevention services.
- Ohio's plans for implementing FFPSA Prevention Services and future trainings and resources counties can expect to receive from OFC.
- An overview of the draft Ohio Administrative Code rules to support FFPSA prevention services program.
- An overview of the draft "Prevention Plan" and "Prevention Plan Case Review".

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- Next steps and processes in OFC's development of the proposed rules and tools with PCSAs.
- An overview of how to access the Pre-Clearance website located at <https://ohiorulereview.org/> for PCSAs and stakeholders to review the draft rules and prepare for upcoming Microburst on Rule Review and Policy Hearings (MORRPH) to be offered later in October.

There will be two opportunities to participate in the Microsoft Teams Live event. **Participants only need to attend one session** as each of the Teams Live events will cover the same information. The Teams Live event will be recorded and made available online for those who are unable to attend the sessions. Dates and times are below.

- **October 1, 2020, 1:30 to 3:30pm.**
- **October 6, 2020, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.**

To register please select the following link and complete the information:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=xPz4UNiUB0-E6zbtV8fIomtRRhQUptREmUxoMHtrKaNUQkhIWjJOTI3V0w5QTdLV05PT0YxNlo1UC4u>

After registration is complete check your inbox for an email confirmation from **Gaye Crawford** with the title **“Join Us for Family First Prevention Services Act Prevention Services Overview”**. This email will contain a link to the Microsoft Teams Live Event for the date and time you selected. Please RSVP by no later than COB September 30, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact CPS policy developer [Ashley Keller](#).

Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) Q & A Documents-Colleen Tucker

- The QRTP Implementation Workgroup has started developing Q&A documents to address each of the QRTP Requirements. The first one focuses on questions ODJFS and OhioMHAS have received regarding the After-Care requirement. The document is being finalized and will be published on the Family First Webpage in the next week. The plan is to eventually compile all the Q & A documents to create a Guidance Document that will include requirements, as well as best practices.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)- Colleen Tucker

OFC is partnering with FEMA who generously made available 156,000 PPE masks to be distributed specifically to foster, adoptive, and kinship families as well as youth and young adults involved with children services across the state. These masks are the non-medical grade KN95/90 masks, so they have similar protection as cloth face coverings.

In an effort to efficiently disseminate the masks, we will be coordinating six regional locations during the weeks of October 12-23 for pick-up. Each organization will be sent a link to complete a survey identifying the person responsible for pick-up, preferred pick-up location and the total

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number of masks requested. For those organizations serving multiple regions, they will be asked to complete a separate survey for each pick-up location. The survey should be sent the beginning of next week.

QRTP Transition Act Funds - Colleen Tucker

As Angie mentioned two Procedure Letters were released on September 15, 2020 and can be reviewed on emanuals at the URLs on your screen.

FCASPL 357 Qualified Residential Treatment Program Incentives

- Offers an incentive payment when an eligible agency submits a plan to meet QRTP compliance and another incentive at the point the ODJFS or OhioMHAS Licensing Staff confirm compliance.
<https://emanuals.jfs.ohio.gov/FamChild/FCASM/FCASPL/FCASPL-357.stm>

FCASPL 358 Qualified Residential Treatment Program Compliance Support

- Offers funds to agencies who indicates an eligible service(s) they will implement which is required for QRTP compliance. Available funds are based on the combined total number of licensed child-serving beds the agency administers.
<https://emanuals.jfs.ohio.gov/FamChild/FCASM/FCASPL/FCASPL-358.stm>
- ODJFS and OhioMHAS staff have partnered with the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association (OCCRRA) as the fiscal administrator for these funds. Staff are working with representatives from OCCRRA to enhance their existing system to support the ability to submit and approve applications, as well as disseminate funds based on approved applications.
- Staff have provided OCCRRA with a list of eligible agencies and contact information, including agency administrator for each agency. OCCRRA will be entering each agency into their OPR system and then the agency administrator will be able to create a user account to access the application fields.
- The applications for both funding opportunities are scheduled to be available on October 5, 2020. Application may be submitted through March 31, 2021, or until funds are no longer available, whichever occurs first.

FCASPL 359 (COVID-19 Pandemic Guidance) - Christine Dobrovich

We are now going to discuss a third procedure letter which was published last week, PL 359 (COVID-19 Pandemic Guidance).

<https://emanuals.jfs.ohio.gov/FamChild/FCASM/FCASPL/FCASPL-359.stm>

This Procedure Letter provides updates to the extension of foster home recertifications, adoption approval dates, assessor training, and CPOE activities. In order to maintain COVID-19 related guidance in one letter, the information from FCASPL 348 and FCASPL 356 have been added to this Procedure Letter. Procedure Letter 359 replaces 348 and 356.

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The one item we want to highlight today is Pursuant to HB 197, ODJFS will be **ending the extension** of all foster care recertifications and adoption updates scheduled to expire during the pandemic on December 1, 2020. ODJFS and the SACWIS team will continue implementing data fixes to extend affected foster care and adoption spans until December 1, 2020. This means that all homes that have been extended will need to be recertified or reapproved by December 1st to continue their license or approval.

Best Practices - Gina Speaks-Eshler

Amazing work is happening throughout the state and we are asking you to share your innovative work as a way to connect and learn from one another.

The Office of Families and Children (OFC) would like to enhance our monthly OFC Touchpoint calls by highlighting how your public or private agency/court has gone above and beyond to support the workforce; to improve the provision of services, supports and resources to Ohio's families and children and/or strengthen community partnerships.

TELL US about the great ways your agency or court is demonstrating innovation and excellence in the delivery of programs and services to advance improved outcomes for children and families. We want to hear about successful strategies you have implemented to overcome recruitment and retention concerns. ODJFS will select an agency or court to share their innovations during the monthly OFC Touchpoint calls and highlight additional strategies each month in the OFC First Friday bulletin.

We have created a separate mailbox and will be sending a template via email requesting you to submit your agency OFC_Creative_Corner@jfs.ohio.gov no later than the first Monday of the month. We will remind you on these monthly calls for submissions.

Future Agenda Items - Lakeisha Hilton

Our monthly calls will be hosted in Microsoft Teams, so you will soon be receiving another appointment for your calendars. In order to allow enough time for discussion and questions, we'll also expand our meeting time to one hour. Our next call is scheduled for Wednesday October 21, 2020. As always, please send us your suggestions on future topics. Please also remember to refer to your First Friday bulletin for updates. The next edition of First Friday will be issued October 2 and available here <https://jfs.ohio.gov/PFOF/OFC-First-Friday-Updates.stm>

Thank you all for your partnership. If you need additional clarification on any of the answers provided, please do not hesitate to reach out to your licensing or technical assistance specialist, or the OFC help desk.

The links to join the October meetings can be found at the bottom of this document and should be saved to your calendar.

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Questions and Answers

1. Who in the agency should expect to receive the survey link for the masks?
Our plan was to send to all agency administrators and directors and ask them to delegate to the appropriate staff in each agency. We want to be very purposeful and make sure only one person from each agency will complete the survey. However, if there is a different individual that needs to see it our licensing specialist can reach out to them.
2. For those families that had their license extended to the 9/30 and will be the 12/1 date, how do we document the "gap" in the license because once it is approved in SACWIS, the 9/30 date disappears, and it looks like there is a gap. Example - I have a family whose certification was to expire on 6/5 originally. It was extended to 9/30. When we completed the recertification on 6/8, the new certification begins on 6/8, but the expiration date reverted to the 6/5 date and it looks like there was a lapse in certification from 6/5 to 6/8. The display issue is being reviewed by Foster Care Licensing and SACWIS for a possible mass data fix. The families do show behind the scenes as being certified. It will not impact your reimbursability.
3. Where can we access the Ohio State Plan submitted for Family First?
Ohio's IV-E Prevention Plan is presently under a final review by our state partners ahead of being submitted to our federal partners. The plan will be posted on OFC's website once submitted and approved.
4. Can you explain preservice training? Are all the hours able to be offered online now for new families?
If the training is available online, it can be taken online. There has been a concerted effort to increase accessibility through virtual training options. Also, if there is confusion around procedure letter 359, the December 1st date will stop the extension of foster and adoption homes pursuant to HB 197, but the availability of online training does not stop. It will continue until rule is amended or a subsequent procedure letter is issued.
5. I desperately need a couple to have Mod 7 online...Can't get into college before 10/15/2020 please help. I would first reach out to the Regional Training Centers, then reach out to your Foster Care Licensing Specialist and they can collaborate with policy to brainstorm other options. NOAS shared in the Q&A box that they have Virtual Session 7 scheduled for next week and this information was shared with the requesting agency.
6. Is online training an option for group home staff?
Procedure Letter 359 states the following:

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Prior to working alone with children, the agency shall ensure the following during the emergency:

1. All required background checks have been received and reviewed.
 2. Staff have completed the initial orientation required by rule 5101:2-9-03.
 3. CPR and First Aid training has been completed. It may be completed online without certification at this time. Certification shall be completed within 90 days after the emergency ends.
- The additional twenty hours of first year training are still required; however, they no longer must be completed prior to working alone with children.
 - If staff CPR and First Aid certification is due to expire, the training may be completed online without certification during this time. Certification shall be completed within 90 days after the emergency ends.
 - One person certified in CPR and First Aid must still be on duty in a living unit at all times.

Comment

The TEAMS format is a great way to lead these meetings. 😊

I also liked the new format; it is nice to see everyone's faces : 😊

Thank you!

Please copy the link and add it to your calendar to join the October 21st PCSA and IV-E Court Meeting (11:30 A.M - 12:30 P.M.)

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Please copy the link and add it to your calendar to join the October 21st Private Agency Meeting (12:45 PM - 1:45 PM)

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZDViMWVhZTgtMzJiZC00ZGQzLTgwZmEtOWVhYWExOTRjNzEw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2250f8fcc4-94d8-4f07-84eb-36ed57c7c8a2%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22b1d80b31-feef-4856-a7c8-5d3110ea89ae%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3atrue%7d