

Monitoring and Adapting

eLearning Guide

Monitoring and Adapting the Child Welfare case plan is an important role of Social Workers and can have a significant impact on the lives and futures of children and families participating in Child Welfare services. The social worker is responsible for utilizing team-based approaches to engage birth families, resource families, service providers and the extended support network to ensure case plans are behaviorally based, culturally relevant, trauma informed and adapted to reflect the changing strengths and needs of the child and family. This eLearning course will cover the basics of monitoring and adapting the case plan including relevant laws, practices and policies that guide the case planning process, a review of the Minimum Sufficient Level of Care (MSLC), and appropriate Structured Decision Making (SDM) Tools utilized as part of the ongoing assessment process.

This course is an introductory course, and should be used in conjunction with consultation with your supervisor and county counsel. This eLearning guide was created for you to use in conjunction with the eLearning to take notes. You will bring this handout with you to the Managing the Plan: Supporting Safety, Stability and Well-Being classroom to help bridge the knowledge you have gained from this course into the classroom.

1. At a minimum, how often must child welfare case plans be updated?
2. What should be included in the case plan update?
3. At what age is a youth in permanent placement given the opportunity to review, sign, and be provided with a copy of their case plan?

4. Pursuant to Division 31 regulations, what are three types of information that must be included in the case plan?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____

5. Please define the following in your own words:

Reasonable Efforts:

Active Efforts:

Minimum Sufficient Level of Care (MSLC):

6. What are three key Social Worker roles of case management?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

7. What percentage of social worker / child visits should occur in the child's placement?

8. What are five steps to completing a case plan update?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

9. Please list the three primary Structured Decision Making (SDM) Assessment tools used during a case plan update:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

10. In addition to the SDM tools, what are three additional ongoing assessment tasks throughout the life of a case?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

11. Please list engagement strategies for working with children and families to update their case plan:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

12. Please list three factors of concurrent planning associated with reduced time to permanency:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

13. Please list three important considerations when monitoring and adapting the family time/visitation plan:

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

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