

Common Core 3.0 Transition Block Case Closure and Aftercare Plans eLearning

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There are many ways child welfare cases can close. The most preferred method is successful reunification with a parent or caregiver. However, if it is not safe for a child to return home, a case can close when children are adopted, legal guardianship is established or a youth emancipates at 18-21 years old. Case closure is not an event. It's a process that social workers use to carefully plan and assess that a child is in a safe setting that meets the minimum level of sufficient care. Learning how to use strategies for case closure will assist you to help families be successful.

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 Transition Practice classroom, and you will use it to help you review for the skill-based activity.

1. Adoption and Safe Families Act (ASFA) 1997

- Safety:
Principle:

Practice:

- Permanency:
Principle:

Practice:

- Well-Being:
Principle:

Practice:

2. Children and Family Services Review (CFSR) 3.0

- Timely Permanency:

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- Re-Entry Into Care:
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3. Strategies for Successful Case Closure:
- Comprehensive Assessment:
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- Development and Adequate Network of Support:
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- Complete a Plan for Aftercare Services:
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- Provide Post-Reunification Services:
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- Social Worker/Child Visits:
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4. Safety, Risk, and Protective Capacities: SDM does not replace clinical skills. Conducting a thorough assessment depends on good interviewing and observation skills. It depends on the worker's skill to recognize unique conditions specific to the family being assessed. Rather than replacing clinical judgement, SDM becomes a strong partner for social workers. It provides a research basis for critical decisions related to risk and structure for increasing consistency and accuracy of other key decisions.
- Risk Reassessment for In-Home Cases:

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- Safety Assessment:

5. Teaming to Support Aftercare Plans:

6. Circle of Support and Safety Networks:

- Circle of Support:

- Safety Network/Child and Family Teams:

- Teaming:

7. Aftercare Plans and Case Closure:

Engaging parents, caregivers, children, youth, young adults, and their supports in developing aftercare plans or transition plans. It is important that the plans are specifically tailored to their needs. It is also advised to have the parents, caregivers or young adults co-facilitate the team meeting. During the team meeting, it is important to check in with the family to make sure the process is working for them.

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Always keep the reason that the family entered the child welfare system in mind when developing the aftercare plan. Develop specific plans to prevent the re-entry that will last at least 12 months after the child or youth returns home, or the cases is closed.

8. Developing Aftercare Plans:

- Soft Services:

- Complicating Factors:

- Concrete Services:

- Child/Youth Needs:

- Adoption/Legal Guardianship:

9. 90-Day Transition Plan/Aftercare for After 18:

- Transition Plan Meeting:

- Transition Plan:

- Health Care POA:

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- Extended Benefits:

10. Termination of Juvenile Court Jurisdiction:

11. Documentation: