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Core Domain	Definition				
Physical	Physical Domain is defined as actions in which the Resource Family must engage in or model daily living needs, such as eating, clothing, hygiene, community/social functioning, and extracurricular activities, including teaching age-appropriate life skills even when developmental delays are present. This does not include specific medical activities (see Health Domain).				
	Expectations				
	Resource Family provides healthy meals, opportunities for daily activity, predictable sleep routine, and developmentally appropriate support for physical hygiene.	Resource Family provides supervision, verbal cueing and/or physical assistance for at least 1 ADL/IADL beyond what is age/developmentally appropriate on a daily basis.	Resource Family provides supervision, verbal cueing and/or direct physical assistance in at least 2 different ADLs /IADLs beyond what is age/developmentally appropriate on a daily basis.	Resource Family implements and monitors a plan of supervision, verbal cueing and/or direct physical assistance in at least 3 different ADLs/IADLs beyond what is age/developmentally appropriate on a daily basis.	Resource Family provides supervision, verbal cueing and/or direct physical assistance in at least 6 ADLs/IADLs beyond what is age/developmentally appropriate on a daily basis.
	And/or Resource Family provides support to assist the youth in developing life skills that are age/developmentally appropriate.	And/or Resource Family arranges and/or facilitates participation in developmental needs, i.e., physical and/or occupational therapy no more than once per month.	And/or Resource Family arranges and/or facilitates participation in developmental, physical and/or occupational therapy on average up to 3 times per month.	And/or Resource Family arranges and/or facilitates participation in developmental, physical and/or occupational therapy on average at least 4 or more times monthly.	And/or Resource Family arranges and/or facilitates participation in developmental, physical and/or occupational therapy on average at least 6 or more times monthly.
			And/or Resource Family must do check-in with community/extracurricular activities to ensure continuity of ADL/IADL routines.	And/or Resource Family accompanies the child and/or provides direct support to enable the child to participate in community/extracurricular activities.	And/or Resource Family provides the child constant supervision to enable the child to participate in community/extracurricular activities.
Points	1	2	3	4	5
Additional Information	- Activities of Daily Living (ADLs) include: Transferring (i.e., walking and/or moving from place to place), use of upper extremities (hand, arms, fingers), bathing, grooming, menstrual care, dressing, feeding and/or toileting including enuresis/encopresis. - Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADLs) include: managing finances, accessing transportation, shopping, preparing meals, using communication devices, managing medications and/or completing basic household work. IADLs apply to youth 14 years of age and older for purposes of the Level of Care. - If the minor/nonminor dependent (NMD) is pregnant or parenting, consider the Infant Supplement. The Resource Family may need to provide supports to the minor/NMD in preparing for parenthood and/or in parenting their child.				

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Behavioral/ Emotional		Behavioral/Emotional domain is defined as actions in which the Resource Family must engage to promote resilience and emotional well-being for the child/youth, as well as encourage the child/youth to engage in prosocial behavior and activities developing healthy relationships. This does not include medication management for psychotropic medications (see Health Domain).				
		Resource Family provides direct supervision and support to address behaviors that are age/developmentally appropriate.	Resource Family redirects, prompts, and/or diffuses beyond what is age/developmentally appropriate at least two days a week.	Resource Family implements a therapeutic intervention plan as outlined by the child/youth's therapist and/or CFT Plan at least three days a week.	Resource Family implements a therapeutic intervention plan as outlined by the child/youth's therapist and/or the CFT Plan at least four days a week.	Resource Family helps develop and implement a daily therapeutic intervention plan to address their identified therapeutic and well-being needs as outlined by the child/youth's therapist and/or the CFT plan for a child which is necessary to maintain them safely in a family-based setting.
		And/or Resource Family arranges, facilitates, provides and/or consults with therapist and/or other professionals at least 1 time a month.	And/or Resource Family arranges, facilitates, provides and/or consults with therapist and/or other professionals at least 2 times a month and participates in services/activities as recommended.	And/or Resource Family arranges, facilitates, provides and/or consults with therapist and/or other professionals at least 3 times a month and participates in services/activities as recommended.	And/or Resource Family arranges, facilitates, provides and/or participates in therapeutic supports at least 4 times a month, including but not limited to outpatient and/or in-home therapeutic services.	And/or Resource Family is engaged in and supports the child receiving WRAP, TBS, or other family-based therapeutic interventions, in addition to monitoring/observing, redirecting, prompting, and/or documenting.
		And/or Resource Family supports the child through expected life stressors.	And/or Resource Family may provide enhanced observation.	And/or Resource Family provides structured support for expected/unexpected life stressors with moderate symptoms and behaviors; including monitoring, observing, redirecting, prompting, and/or documenting.	And/or Resource Family provides line-of-sight during waking hours and limited night supervision such as episodic checks as needed, and may require assistance in providing this supervision.	And/or Resource Family arranges, facilitates and/or provides up to 24 hr. observation/line-of-sight. Resource Family may require assistance in providing this supervision.
	Points	1	4	5	6	7
		• Training: Resource Families are expected to participate in child-specific training/coaching/mentoring based on the needs of the child/youth placed in their home. • If the minor/NMD is pregnant or parenting, consider the Infant Supplement. The Resource Family may need to provide support to the minor/NMD in managing emotional health.				

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	Educational domain is defined as actions in which the Resource Family must engage to promote student achievement, foster educational excellence and equal access to services, and when required, respond to suspensions and/or expulsions. School-aged child/youth is defined as any child/youth who is attending and participating in early childhood through adult educational programs.				
	Resource Family provides age appropriate and developmentally appropriate support for the child's educational activities as defined below. Or For a Non-School Age child, the Resource Family obtains, provides and/or coordinates additional support to the child to assist in participating in or benefiting from childcare/preschool programs and/or to ensure the child's continued attendance.	Resource Family provides assistance beyond the basic activities (on average) up to 2 additional hours per week for school-aged child/youth. Or For a Non-School Age child, the Resource Family obtains, provides and/or coordinates up to 2 additional hours per week to support the child's participation in or benefiting from childcare/preschool programs and/or to ensure the child's continued attendance.	Resource Family provides assistance beyond the basic activities (on average) up to 4 additional hours per week for school-aged child/youth. Or For a Non-School Age child, the Resource Family obtains, provides and/or coordinates up to 4 additional hours per week to support the child's participation in or benefiting from childcare/preschool programs and/or to ensure the child's continued attendance.	Resource Family provides assistance beyond the basic activities (on average) up to 6 additional hours per week for school-aged child/youth. Or For a Non-School Aged Child, the Resource Family is encouraged to enroll the child in childcare or a preschool program, which may be accessed through programs such as Head Start, the California Department of Education subsidized child care system, or through local school districts for Transitional Kindergarten programs. The Resource Family is also expected to provide up to 8 additional hours per week of age appropriate activities that promote healthy development. Or Resource Family is required to provide or arrange for educational needs and/or support for the chronic or terminally ill child/youth who is unable to participate in school settings outside of the home as identified in the Case or Care Plan.	
Points	1	2	3	4	5
	● Basic Level: The Resource Family will provide ongoing educational support to include assistance with arriving to school on time, completing homework, and special projects. The Resource Family is also expected, as part of regular parenting duties, to participate in parent-teacher conferences, attend Back-to-School Night and Open Houses, and communicate with the social worker and/or court prior to each court hearing on the J15 educational progress. The Resource Family should also encourage the child to read on his/her own (or read with them), and should ensure access to the Internet and other online technology to promote learning. ● Educational activities beyond the Basic Rate include: volunteering or otherwise being present in the classroom; assisting with and monitoring homework/school projects beyond what is age/developmentally appropriate; activities to support IEP, SST, RST, behavioral support, 504 Plans; supporting participation in school-based extracurricular activities (i.e. sports, music, theatre, etc.); assistance in transitioning to college or vocational education/training (i.e., college tours, completing applications, testing); assisting the youth to participate in community-based volunteer activities for extra credits; identifying/acquiring and putting into action any remediation plans or activities when needed; assisting in school enrollment, partial credits restoration; providing home-based education. Educational activities also include obtaining, arranging, coordinating and/or maintaining special equipment, tools or devices required for the child to access his/her education and educational environment. These activities may vary depending on the child's case plan and whether the caregiver is designated as the Educational Rights Holder. In the event that a child needs tutoring, instructions or educational therapy beyond what the Resource Family can provide, the time arranging, coordinating, scheduling, and/or transporting the child to services will be credited to the Resource Family. ● The Resource Family's willingness to seek assistance to provide extra support for the LGBTQ youth's educational needs. ● The Resource Family's willingness to provide school readiness to ensure social/emotional support. ● If the minor/NMD is pregnant or parenting, consider the Infant Supplement and intervention supports the Resource Family may need to enable school success of pregnant and parenting foster youth.				

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	1	4	5	6	7
Health	Health domain is defined as actions in which the Resource Family must engage to promote the child's health and healthy sexual development by arranging and facilitating health care (i.e., Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program**, medical, dental, vision, transgender needs), medication administration including psychotropic medications and/or monitoring, and ensuring access to services that address special health care needs. Resource Family addresses medically necessary or prescribed dietary/exercise/nutritional needs.	Resource Family arranges as needed an appointment with a healthcare specialist 2 times a year, including, but not limited to, orthopedics, orthodontia, neurology, endocrinology, psychiatry and/or medical/psychological care that support gender identity.	Resource Family arranges appointments with a healthcare specialist at least 3 but not more than 11 times per year, including, but not limited to, orthopedics, orthodontia, neurology, endocrinology, psychiatry, and/or medical/psychological care that support gender identity.	Resource Family arranges appointments with a healthcare specialist 12 times a year, including, but not limited to, orthopedics, orthodontia, neurology, endocrinology, psychiatry and/or medical/psychological care that support gender identity.	Resource Family provides care to a child who has been diagnosed with a severe medical and/or developmental problem*, which requires in-home monitoring by medical professionals, direct medical treatments and/or specialized care by the Resource Family and/or use of medical equipment multiple times per week.
Points	1	4	5	6	7
*This may include but is not limited to: An aspiration, suctioning, mist tent, ventilator, tube feeding, tracheotomy, symptomatic AIDS with complication, hepatitis, chemotherapy, indwelling lines, colostomy/ileostomy, or burns covering more than 10% of the body. ** The Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program helps to prevent or find health problems through regular, no cost, health check-ups. A check-up includes: - Health and developmental history - Physical exam - Needed immunizations - Oral health screening and routine referral to a dentist starting by age 1 - Nutrition screening - Behavioral screening - Vision screening - Hearing screening - Health information - Lab tests, which may include: anemia, lead, tuberculosis, and other problems, as needed - Referral to Women, Infants, and Child (WIC) program for a child up to age 5. ● If the minor/NMD is pregnant or parenting, the Resource Family should provide the needed support for attending prenatal care appointments, prenatal classes, breastfeeding classes, post-partum follow-ups, other medical appointment, etc. and consider Infant Supplement.					

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Permanency/Family Services	Permanency/Family Services is defined as actions in which the Resource Family must engage to promote and facilitate visitation, communication, and the identification, development, and maintenance of lifelong, supportive connections with members of their biological and non-biological families and natural support systems. Permanency/Family Services also include efforts to connect the youth with their community of origin, including connections with resources, cultural organizations, faith communities, identity-based communities such as the LGBTQ community and any other group or organization which promotes a sense of belonging, identity, and connection to culture.				
	Permanency Activity is defined as: 1. An in-person visit with a parent, family member, sibling or siblings, or other permanent connection. 2. Child-focused/Family Focused community and cultural engagement: includes efforts to arrange, schedule and facilitate connecting the youth with their community of origin, including connections with resources, cultural organizations, faith communities, and any other group or organization which promotes a sense of belonging, identity, and connection to culture.				
	Resource Family arranges and/or facilitates (including reasonable in-county transportation and supervision) an in-person visit at least three (3) times per month and at least once (1) per week child-focused and/or family-focused community and/or cultural engagement activities. And/or Resource Family participates in mentoring/coaching birth parents implementing family visitation plans or other permanency related services for two (2) hours per week (to include transportation and travel time).	Resource Family arranges and/or facilitates (including reasonable in-county transportation and supervision) an in-person visit at least four (4) times per month and at least two (2) times per week child-focused and/or family-focused community and/or cultural engagement activities. And/or Resource Family participates in mentoring/coaching birth parents implementing family visitation plans or other permanency related services for four (4) hours per week (to include transportation and travel time).	Resource Family arranges and/or facilitates (including reasonable in-county transportation and supervision) an in-person visit at least five (5) times per month and at least three (3) times per week child-focused and/or family-focused community and/or cultural engagement activities. And/or Resource Family participates in mentoring/coaching birth parents implementing family visitation plans or other permanency related services for at least six (6) hours per week (to include transportation and travel time).	Resource Family arranges and/or facilitates (including reasonable in-county transportation and supervision) an in-person visit at least six (6) times per month and at least four (4) times per week child-focused and/or family-focused community and/or cultural engagement activities. And/or Resource Family participates in mentoring/coaching birth parents implementing family visitation plans or other permanency related services for at least eight (8) hours per week (to include transportation and travel time).	Resource Family arranges and/or facilitates (including reasonable in-county transportation and supervision) an in-person visit at least seven (7) times per month and at least five (5) times per week child-focused and/or family-focused community and/or cultural engagement activities. And/or Resource Family participates in mentoring/coaching birth parents implementing family visitation plans or other permanency related services for at least ten (10) hours per week (to include transportation and travel time). And/or For child/youth who are chronic/terminally ill and will have no family visit plan (e.g., terminated parental rights, no family, etc.), the Resource Family is required to provide and/or arrange for alternative cultural engagement and/or prosocial activities as determined by the Child and Family Team.
Points	1	2	3	4	5
• The Resource Family assists the parent/guardian in improving their ability to support, care for and protect their child, including any LGBTQ child/youth, as well as actively promotes and facilitates other contact (e.g., telephone, written communication) between the in-person visits. • Family-focused engagement acknowledges that the relationship between the youth and biological family, natural supports, and/or Resource Family is vital to the success of the of the youth's well-being. Resource Families may require additional assistance to change the way family members interact to improve the functioning of the family as a unit. • If the minor/NMD is pregnant or parenting, consider the Infant Supplement. Also consider the additional support the Resource Family may need to provide to the parenting minor/NMD to ensure the minor's/NMD's child maintains visitation with the non-custodial parent and extended family members.					

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Static Criteria	Chronic indicators that warrant the granting of the Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC) to ensure safe placement of a child, pending a full assessment. The county may apply these if the child meets any of the following: - Adjudicated violent offenses, significant property damage, and/or sex offenders/perpetrators - Aggressive and Assaultive - Animal Cruelty - CSEC - Eating Disorder - Fire Setting - Gang Activity - Habitual Truancy - Psychiatric Hospitalization(s) - Runaway - Severe mental health issues-including suicidal ideation and/or Self Harm - Substance Use/Abuse - Three or more placements due to the child's behavior
Indicator	If the County Placing Agency is seeking placement for a youth with a history of any of the above within the past year and the County Placing Agency has not been able to identify a Home-Based Family Care setting, the child/youth may qualify at the Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC) level for a period of 60 days pending completion of an initial/updated assessment. After 60 days, the rate will be determined using the Level of Care Protocol Tool. *Due to the Static Criteria, some behaviors/symptoms may result in an automatic leveling up to the Intensive Services level of care.