

Managing Transitions Knowledge and Skill Reinforcement Lab

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Overview of the Day

- Welcome and Review of the Agenda
- Learning Objectives
- Break Approximately 10:20 AM
- Lunch Approximately 12:00 PM
- Break Approximately 2:30 PM
- Evaluation 3:00 PM
- End of Day 4:00 PM

Group Agreements

- Be collaborative
- Ask lots of questions – let us know what you think
- Enjoy the experience – have fun
- Have a “what the heck!” attitude and throw yourself into the experience
- Make mistakes
- Maintain confidentiality

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Transition: Trainee to Social Worker

- What worked well with the transition?
- In what ways did the preparation by your supervisor decrease your stress?
- What were some worried they had about how they transitioned?
- How did the lack of preparation impact your stress level?

Scale Your Transition

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What Could have been done differently to help your transition be successful?
What supports could have helped?

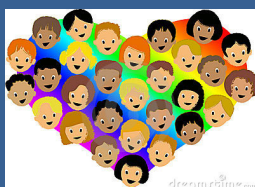
100 Transition Block Review



- After 18 eLearning
- Case Closure eLearning
- Transition Practice Classroom

Trauma

- Complex Trauma
- Complex Trauma and Child welfare
- Social Worker Role
- Teaming



Trauma/Transitions

- Any transition missing?
- Circle the most troublesome transition point a child, youth or young adult you have worked with experienced.
- Discuss what was troublesome about the transition.
- What could have been done differently?
- Large group discussion.

How do we Stop Adversity from Becoming a Life Sentence?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qp0kV7JtWIE>

California Child Welfare Core Practice Model, Practice Behaviors

Teaming

- Work with the family to build a supportive team,
- Facilitate the team process and engage the team in planning and decision-making with and in support of the child, youth, young adult, and family,
- Work with the team to address the evolving needs of the child, youth, young adult and family,
- Work collaboratively with community partners to create better ways for children, youth, young adults and families to access services.

Transition

- Work with the family to prepare for change in advance and provide tools for managing placement changes, social worker changes, and other significant transitions.

Assessing Complex Needs and Culture



- African American, Native American and Latin American Children have an increased risk of trauma experiences.
- A broad understanding of culture is necessary.
- Cultural background of social worker can influence.
- Assessments should always take into consideration the culture and communication modes of the family and social worker.
- Teaming/Supervisors KEY

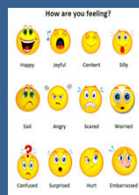
Video:
Cultural Humility; People, Principles,
and Practices, by Vivian Chavez

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Mbu8bvKb_U&list=PLF450050903C62014

Troublesome Transition & Culture

- In hindsight, do you think the child, youth, or young adults culture impacted the transition?
- Do you know? Did you ask?
- What did you do to ensure you took the child, youth, or young adult's culture into account during the transition?
- What could you have done differently?

Mapping Behaviors

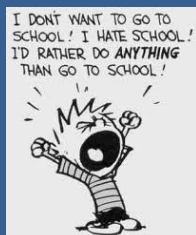


Underlying Needs

Underlying Needs & Continuing Assessments:

Along with typical post-traumatic stress reactions, children display a wide range of developmental impairments including:

- Attachment and Relationships
- Thinking and Learning
- Physical Health: Body and Brain
- Behaviors
- Emotional Response
- Self-Concept & Future Orientation



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Activity

Individually:

- Think back to the transition point you identified earlier.
- Identify key domains that the child, youth, or young adult may have been experiencing.
- Journal specific behaviors that they were experiencing.

As a table:

- How might transitions further impact the developmental domains?
- Is there a team in place for the child, youth, or young adult?
- Is there anyone else you want to be part of the team who is not part of the team?
- What can you do to make sure they have had an assessment that addresses underlying needs?

Teaming

ACIN NO:1-05-14 Sharing
Information With Caregivers



- Information sharing is not only permitted under state and federal law it is required
- Sharing information regarding the child with the caregiver is a critical component of effective service delivery
- ACIN does not address young adults, see your county policy and/or consult with your supervisor

Concurrent Planning/Full Disclosure

- Adoption and Safe Families Act
- Concurrent Planning
- "Reaching Out"

A family's
Love
is forever

Trainer Demonstration



- ✓ What worked well?
- ✓ What were worries?
- ✓ What could be upgraded?

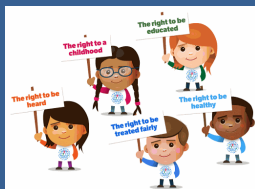
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4A: Full Disclosure Skill Practice

- Read the Polk/Hernandez vignette, "Update with a Twist" and the questions in the chart below the vignette
- Form pairs
- There are two roles, social worker and mother
- Four minute full disclosure skill practice
- Two minutes feedback
- Switch roles
- Debrief the activity

Helping Your Foster Child Transition to Your Adopted Child

- Create an accurate reconstruction of the child's placement history.
- Identify the important attachment figures in the child's life.
- Gain the cooperation of the most significant attachment figures available.
- Clarify "the permission message."
- Communicate that permission to the child.



10 Tips for Social Workers from Foster Youth



Activity

4B: Discussing Permanency with Children and Youth

- Read the Willy and Samantha Polk Vignette Update
- Form Triads, three roles, social worker, Willy or Samantha, and observer
- Using the Willy and Samantha Polk vignette update, the developmental considerations, the Polk/Hernandez vignette with a twist, the genogram and ecomap trainees will skill practice having a permanency discussion with Willy and Samantha
- Observer use the questions to help guide your strength based feedback
- Five minute skill practice, two minute feedback

Journal



- Thinking back to the troublesome transition that you experienced, what is one thing you learned today, that could help you next time?
- What did you learn today that you can put into practice when you return to the office?
