

Family Support Center ~ Overview and Update

FWSN Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, October 22, 2007
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT

Goal of the Family Support Centers

- To serve as a “one-stop,” multi-service model of care for youth and their families
- To divert youth who are FWSN referred with status offenses from further court involvement
- To provide an array of services beginning with triage and concluding with successful placements with community-based services that meet the individual needs of the youth and families referred

Family Support Center: Core Elements

- Contact families within 3 hours of receiving the referral
- Conduct initial screening to best determine the course of action for each family
- Provide a comprehensive, strengths-based, gender-specific, relational and trauma-sensitive assessment
- Utilize assessment information for appropriate planning of services offered within the center and making appropriate referrals with community service providers
- Collaborate and coordinate with new and existing service providers to create a success plan for each family

Family Support Center: Staffing & Training

- Interviews are on going and include a CSSD representative
- Target date for staff: November 1, 2007
- Probation-scheduled Informational Sessions include FSC representatives
- FSC collective meetings on-going
- Training schedule
- Fully operational as of December 1, 2007

Family Support Center: Current Referrals & Services

- Waterbury FSC ~ Connecticut Junior Republic
- Hartford FSC ~ Wheeler Clinic
- Bridgeport FSC ~ Connecticut Renaissance Inc.
- New Haven FSC ~ St. Francis Home for Children, Inc.
- Screening and intake process, crisis intervention, case coordination, access to probation-contracted services, CARE referrals, community services, DCF Voluntary Services and Systems of Care referrals

FWSN Informational Sessions

- Connecticut Junior Republic, Waterbury:
November 1st and November 7th 11:00a.m
- Wheeler Clinic, Hartford: November 1st 1:00p.m. -
5:00p.m.
- Connecticut Renaissance, Bridgeport: October 23rd 2
2:30p.m. – 4:30p.m. and October 29th 3:0p.m. -
6:00p.m.
- St. Francis Home for Children, Inc., New Haven:
October 23rd 3:00-5:00p.m. and October 30th 5:00-
7:00p.m.

Family Support Center: Current Contact Information

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