Circuit 12 Foster Parent Taskforce

NOTES

February 7th, 2020

* Welcome & Introductions:
  + The meeting began with introductions and each person present acknowledged a person in the system of care that exemplifies partnership. Those acknowledged were as follows:
    - All Foster Parents, Monique Meyers, Jill Grivas, Judy & Mike (Foster Parents), Dave Luebcke, Brandi Towler, Zena Langdon, Sara Hawke, Kathleen Cowan, Janella Leibowitz, Keys to Independence, Myreida Davison, Jill Steiner (Twice!), Case Managers, Amy Smith, Nathan Scott, “Everyone”, Julie (Trainer w/ SCC, Dave & Kelly Coleman, Family Initiative, Licensing Team, Anne Whiteside, Co-Parenting Foster Parents, Kim Kutch, Tamara (Florida Center), Michele Connizzo & Tonia Hutchinson
* Old Business:
  + Manatee CMO Transition – Update:
    - LSF has assumed Case Management functions from YFA for Manatee County.
  + Follow Up from Previous Meetings:
    - Survey(s):
      * Draft in Progress
    - Potential for Focus Groups (2020):
      * See attached document to email
    - Cultural Diversity Training for Staff & FP:
      * Scheduled April 9th, 2020
    - Skype/Zoom Opportunity:
      * A call in # will be provided for Foster Parents only for the March 6th Meeting to pilot this opportunity
* New Business:
  + Manatee Court – 2 Judges: How are cases split and 2 court rooms?
    - Judge Dees is Section J; she has 2/3 of Dependency Cases and will be in Courtroom 5C
    - Judge Malluchi is Section K; she has 1/3 of Dependency Cases and will be in Courtroom 5A
  + Transitions of Children in Care:
    - See attached document to email
    - Michele Connizzo also provided a handout she received at the Dependency Summit this past year for review and mentioned there is a transition training online
  + Kathleen Cowan – Update for SCC:
    - Foster Parent Ambushes are taking place
    - Donation of Bunnies received for children who are removed
    - March 31st – Manatee SCC Office is being “spruced up” thanks to Publix
    - SCC Group Home for Shelters/Emergency Placement opening
* Action Steps:
  + See attached document to email
* Next Meeting
  + March 6th, 2020 @ 9:30am – Career Source Sarasota