

CASE PLANNING AND THE CFSR

42 items will be used to determine if each state is in substantial conformity with the State plan requirements in titles IVB and IVE of the Social Security Act during the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR).

The following seven items from the CFSR are most important to case planning when the child is in out-of-home care*.

Outcome P1-- Children have permanency and stability in their living situations

Item #7 Permanency Goal for child

- Establish a clear goal and remember to note use of concurrent planning
- Set realistic action steps to make implementing the goal a reality. Note who has responsibility for what and any timelines

Item #8 Independent Living services-complete only for children age 16 or older

- Involve child in case planning
- Remember -- ILS is a service not a goal and offered to all youth in FC

Item #9 Adoption-for children with a permanency goal of adoption

- Identify date of TPR filing and who will draft
- Indicate outreach to all parties involved and summary of contact
- Identify potential adoptive resources

Item #10 Permanency goal of planned permanent living arrangement

- Identify compelling reasons why this goal is in best interest of child
- Identify where child will be living and what the plan for services will be
- Identify process for next review to determine if case plan is still appropriate to avoid foster care limbo

Outcome WB1-- Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs

Item #17 Needs and services of child, parents, foster parents

- Document needs, appropriate services provided, timelines, behavior and actions of parties in accessing services

*NOTE If the child is still at home, case planning and service delivery will primarily focus on **Outcome S2-- children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate** with an emphasis on Item #3 -- Services to family to protect children in home and prevent removal.

Item #18 Child and family involvement in case planning

- Don't forget to include father and father's family

Have a pre-conference with child (if appropriate) to discuss situation and his or her wishes

Outcome WB2-- Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs

Item #21 Educational needs of the child

- Document needs and services provided, contact with services providers and any reports submitted
- Invite school personnel for children with specific educational needs
- Access educational records before case planning meeting

Outcome WB3-- Children receive adequate services to meet their physical and mental health needs

Item #22 Physical Health of the child (case record, interviews with case worker, child, foster parents)

- Document needs and services provided, contact with services providers and any reports submitted
- Invite appropriate personnel for children with specific medical needs
- Access medical records before case planning meeting

Item #23 Mental health of the child (interviews with case worker, parent, foster parent, service providers)

- Document needs and services provided, contact with services providers and any reports submitted
- Invite appropriate personnel for children with specific mental health needs
- Access mental health records before case planning meeting

Systemic Factor

Case Review System

Item #25 Provides a process that ensures each child has a written case plan to be developed jointly with the child's parents

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