

APPLA Review Team: Practice Guide Region 1

Purpose of the APPLA Review Team:

The selection of APPLA for any youth in our care is the least preferred permanency goal. Child should be placed with their immediate or extended families and all children deserve to have a "forever" home. Prior to selecting a permanency plan of APPLA, the plan must be vetted through the APPLA team. The APPLA team will review the case and practice to ensure that diligent and concerted efforts were made to achieve a more preferred plan of Reunification, Transfer of Guardianship, Adoption or Long Term Foster Care with a relative. The APPLA team will also make recommendations about Life Long Family Ties, development of natural supports and Independent Living and the team will make a recommendation that APPLA is an appropriate goal upon assessment.

Procedure:

In order to submit a request for approval for APPLA.

- The assigned SWS must email the team: PM Jill West, SWS Brian Smith, SWS Melanie Kmetz, SW Rhonda Boyd, PD Joe Arsenault and Jane Pertillar.
- Prior to the teaming: the SW and SWS must hold a Permanency Teaming with the youth and the youth's identified supports
- A meeting will be scheduled within 2 weeks of your request.
- Upon attendance, please be prepared to discuss concerted and diligent efforts in work with immediate and extended family members.
- Please bring a current case plan, genogram, visitation plan and identified natural supports/LLFT.
- The meeting will be documented in LINK as a managerial consult by the APPLA team

Questions for APPLA Review

What is the youth's understanding of APPLA and is the youth in agreement with the plan of APPLA? If not, what would they want for themselves?

What alternative PP has been attempted and what were the barriers to achieving a more permanent plan for this youth? How often has this conversation been revisited with family?

What are this youth's family connections/supports outside of DCF?

When was the last diligent search conducted for family/kin and what were the results?

Is this youth in a long term placement at this time, what is the agreement with the caretaker? What defines this placement as a "long-Term" placement?

If not, what plans are in place to achieve a long term placement for this youth?

What grade level is the youth on? Are there identified educational needs? What plans are in place to address this youth's educational needs?

Does this youth have siblings in DCF care? When was the last outreach to siblings? What is the visitation plan? What is the PP for these youth? If the siblings have APPLA the siblings should have the same DCF SW

Does this youth have a mentor or positive adult figure in his/her life other than the DCF SW?