

CONCEPT: Commissioner's Update

To: Area Office Directors, Facility Superintendents

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CC: DCF Regional Administrators

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CONCEPT Progress: 3/27/12 through 6/1/12

- ACF approved the CONCEPT grant Phase I Plan, which outlined the framework for Phase I of the grant.
- Judith Cohen and Anthony Mannarino, co-developers of TF-CBT, have invited the DCF congregate care facilities to participate in research that will include training of staff in TF-CBT. As TF-CBT training of congregate care staff was one of the goals of CONCEPT, training provided through the research project will free up additional training slots in the CONCEPT grant, allowing six (6) additional outpatient clinics to be trained in TF-CBT under the CONCEPT grant.
- **Work Group Updates:**
 - **Screening and Workforce Development**
 - Developed the screening tool to identify trauma exposure and trauma symptoms in children, incorporating questions from the UCLA child PTSD Index; Frontline workers in Region 6 are piloting the tool;
 - Began work with Elaine Lubin, DCF Information Systems, who has begun a business requirements document to imbed trauma screening tool into LINK;
 - **Learning Collaboratives (TF-CBT and CFTSI)**
 - DCF frontline and supervisory staff provided input on the development of a child welfare training track in TF-CBT Learning Collaboratives training;
 - Group members, including DCF staff, reviewed and provided feedback on the TF-CBT Learning Collaboratives Training RFQ.
 - **Policy and Procedures**
 - Reviewed Family Assessment Response Best Practice Guide and made recommendations for incorporating trauma-informed practices
 - Developed first draft of practice guide for Trauma-Informed Practice
 - **Data, Quality Improvement, and Evaluation**
 - Data needed for the readiness/capacity evaluation was extracted from PSDCRS, CPS data, and CANS data and provided to evaluators
- **The Evaluators at TCC**
 - Completed 7 focus groups and have begun transcriptions and analysis of data
 - Web-based survey of DCF staff was completed with a 41.7% completion rate across all regions of DCF and congregate care facilities; Data analysis has begun
 - A web-based survey of providers of care is in process