

Children and Youth Specialty Mental Health Services Regional Provider and County Convenings 2018-2019

Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) Roundtable Discussion Guide

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The Center for Health Care Strategies, Inc. (CHCS), in partnership with Casey Family Programs, will facilitate a discussion with Convening attendees to gather perspectives on the key challenges and possible solutions associated with the implementation of TFC in the Counties represented. CHCS is holding stakeholder interviews with Foster Family Agency (FFA) and County leaders from across the State and invites participants to share their thoughts and experiences with early TFC implementation and any suggestions they have for facilitating successful TFC implementation across the State. Together with input from the stakeholder interviews, the experiences of convening participants will inform a briefing paper for consideration by the California Department of Social Services (DSS) and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

CHCS will solicit input in the following categories and use the questions below to guide the conversation:

General Questions:

- What early implementation experiences would you like to share?
- What recommendations or considerations would you like to put forward based on your early experience with implementation?
- What is the greatest barrier to moving forward with TFC implementation in your County(ies)?

Contracting

- What operational barriers, if any, have you faced in executing TFC contracts?

Rates

- How are you approaching establishing rates for TFC and have you encountered any issues?
- How are County partners working together to leverage various funding sources you may have to implement TFC?

Risk

- For FFAs: what risks associated with implementing TFC may be impacting your entities decision making about TFC implementation?
- For Counties: what risks associated with TFC implementation are impacting your progress?

Implementation

- Do you have a clear understanding of who the target population is for TFC?
- Is there a clear referral pathway to ensure children and youth who can benefit from TFC are identified for the service (once there is sufficient capacity)?
- What, if any, suggestions do you have that would catalyze development of additional TFC capacity?