

December 27, 2018

The Congregate Care Workgroup appreciates your willingness to meet with us on January 3, 2019 to discuss your facility and programs. The meeting will be held at the Child Welfare Resource Center located at 403 E. Winding Hill Rd., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055. The meeting will begin at 8:00AM with congregate care providers speaking about your services for approximately 1 hour each between 8:30AM and 11:30AM.

The Congregate Care Workgroup, convened by the Pennsylvania State Roundtable has been tasked with the following charge:

Examine congregate care for the purpose of significant reduction/elimination and assist and assist Pennsylvania in the implementation of the Family First Prevention Act.

Identify effective alternatives to the use of congregate care for dependent youth.

So that you might be better prepared to provide the information needed by the group, we are providing you with the attached list of questions compiled by the Workgroup for inclusion in your presentation.

1. What critical services does your facility provide that cannot be provided in the community?

Which of these services are evidence based?

Please comment on the following:

Trauma services

How dependent and delinquent youth are served differently

IL services

Educational practices

2. In what ways do you tailor your interventions to meet the needs of each child?

Please comment on:

Efforts made to develop and strengthen connections and develop a network for each youth

Engaging the family in visits and assisting with transportation

Engaging the family in therapy

Utilizing YLS and ACES scores

Engaging in aftercare and step-down services

3. Are you considering becoming a QRTP? What are some of your challenges in doing so?

4. What did youth not get that required the need for your service?

Thank you once again for agreeing to meet with the Workgroup. In order to accomplish our mission, it is critical to gather information from all of our stakeholders and system partners.

We look forward to your presentation. In the meantime, if you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Stephenie Strayer at 717-480-8642 or Stephenie.strayer@pacourts.us We look forward to your presentation.

Sincerely,

Sandy Moore, Director
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