

Florida Children and Youth Cabinet Workgroup on Multi-System Children and Youth

Interagency Agreement To Improve Coordination and Services

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**Interagency Agreement
to Improve Coordination and Services to Children and
Youth Served by More than One Agency**

Agencies

- Agency for Health Care Administration
- Agency for Persons with Disabilities
- Department of Children and Families
- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Department of Education
- Department of Health
- Guardian ad Litem
- Florida's Office of Early Learning

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Guiding Principles

- **Services should be family based and provided in the least restrictive setting. Residential placement should be provided as a last resort with a transition plan to return the child(ren) to the family if possible.**
- **Children and families with multiple needs require the integrated coordination and collaboration of services from multiple agencies.**
- **Each agency is responsible for paying its equitable share of costs for services consistent with its mandates.**
- **Agencies should seek to minimize state costs.**

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Structure for Service Issue Resolution

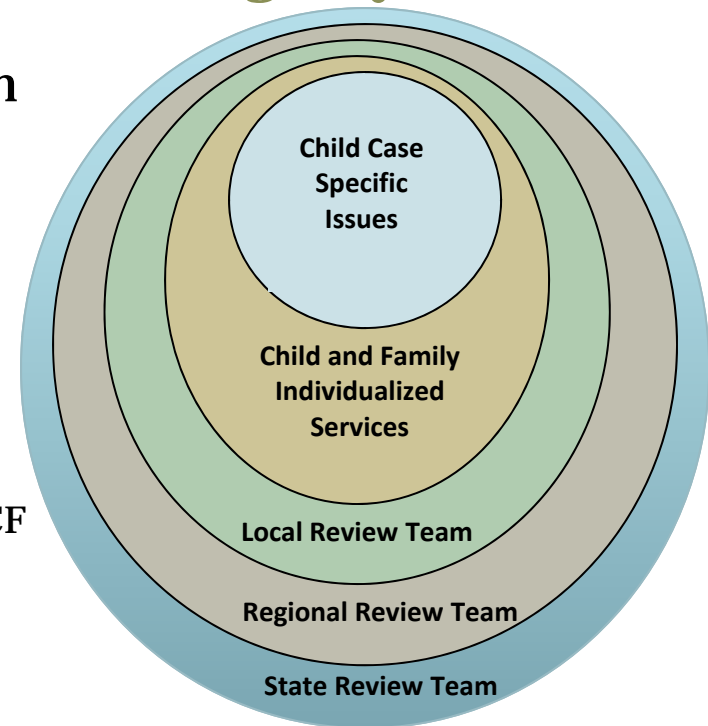
- Local
- Regional
- State

Regular Meetings and Reports

- Local- Monthly
- Regional- Monthly (convened by DCF Regional Directors for SFY 12-13)
- State- Quarterly

Emergency/Crisis Meetings

- May be called by any agency, at any level, at any time



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Issue Resolution Process

- Child specific issues are resolved locally whenever possible.
- Issues not resolved locally are referred to Regional Teams.
- Issues not resolved regionally are referred to the State Team.

Reporting Process

- Reports on the number and type of cases and issues are needed to properly address policies and procedures systemically.
- Local reports are provided to regional teams monthly.
- Regional reports are provided to the state team monthly.
- State reports are provided to the Cabinet quarterly.

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Service, Eligibility and Cost Sharing Matrix- Attachment A of the Agreement

- Provides information about each Agency covered by this agreement including who is served and the cost sharing principles to be used for each support arrangement.
- Cost sharing strategies designed to support a child in a family home setting (community) including licensed foster homes.
- Cost sharing strategies designed to support a child in a residential placement including group homes, residential habilitation centers, therapeutic group care, etc.

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Committee Actions and Agreement Status

- **Committee Meetings**
May 17, July 10, October 4
- **Draft Agreements Distributed for Review and Comment**
June 29, July 24, August 3, September 21, October 12
including agency head and legal counsel input
- **Other Meetings and Discussion**
Children and Youth Cabinet- July 26
Child Protection Summit- September 5
- **Agreement Ready for Signature**
Children and Youth Cabinet- October 31