

Priority Focus Area 2 - In-Home Services Design

December 2010

The workgroup continued to meet each month, with many of the preceding month's meetings relating to analyzing the regional budgets and federal grants in order to see if any additional resources could be found to bolster In-Home Services. The urgency related to workload has lessened now that the regions have had approval to hire a certain number of new caseworkers.

The group re-prioritized the efforts of this workgroup. The group decided to shift the orientation of "In-Home Services" to include those first CPS contacts and services provided at the CPS level. We identified that CPS staff generally are not as experienced as permanency staff in terms of "teaming", "planning", and "interventions" from our practice model. They do, however, have a lot of skill in "engaging and assessing." Some specialized training may need to be developed. We invited frontline CPS staff and supervisors to attend the January 2011 meeting to get feedback and ideas from them.