

**CALIFORNIA CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL
COMMITTEE AND TASK FORCE QUARTERLY REPORT TEMPLATE**

Committee or Task Force Name: Child Development and Successful Youth Transitions (CDSYT)

Council Meeting Date: December 7, 2016

Topic/Brief Description	Status	Next Steps
<u>Education Work Group</u> : Focus on issues related to implementation of the Education Rights Holder legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gathering information from experts from providers, caregivers and youth; exploring how CWS/CMS can include information on Education Rights Holders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Compile and analyze information. Look for opportunities to improve ability of Education Rights Holders to support educational achievement of youth in foster care.
<u>Education Work Group</u> : Develop Infographic on Developmental Milestones for Children 0 - 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ With the Alliance for Children’s Rights as the lead, in collaboration with First 5 CA, CDSS and CWDA, developing a visual guide for parents foster parents, and others who care for children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Finalize infographic ▪ Distribute widely to parents, foster parents, service providers and advocates
<u>Housing/Runaway and Homeless Youth Work Group</u> : Presenting a proposal to develop a proposed model for multisystem response to runaway and homeless youth in the foster care system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gathering information from providers, caregivers and youth to understand the nature and scope of homelessness among youth, including youth in foster care. ▪ Exploring resources that can be available to provide support to youth in foster care or transitional housing. ▪ Working with the Permanency Committee to explore opportunities for finding permanent families for these youth. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop a proposed model for multisystem response. ▪ Continue to study housing issues and resources for transition age youth and foster youth who runaway and are homeless. ▪ Participate on monthly webinars hosted by the John Burton Foundation; ▪ Focus on finding permanent families for these youth.
<u>Supporting Healthy Sexual Development of Youth in Foster Care Work Group</u> : Exploration of how child welfare systems can better support and promote healthy sexual development of foster youth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working with the Community Care Licensing Division and Child and Family Services Division within the California Department of Social Services to provide input to regulations under development to implement the newly revised “Responsible and Prudent Parenting Standard” for foster parents and Short-Term Residential Treatment providers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue to work with Community Care Licensing to provide input on Regulations for implementing the Responsible and Prudent Parent Standard and join relevant Stakeholder Groups to be formed by CDSS for implementation of the Continuum of Care Reform initiative.
<u>Psychotropic Medications Work Group</u> : Explore best practices for providing mental health services to youth in foster care, including counseling, therapy, and, when needed, psychotropic medications.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Met conference call to discuss approach, including inviting experts to speak to the CDSYT Committee, studying effectiveness of Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS), reaching out to partners to gather and analyze data regarding current mental health practices, and exploring opportunities to create a “data home” for mental health data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continue to meet and gather information.