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SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION PLANNING

EXTENDED FOSTER CARE



Collaboration



New Process

KEY COMPONENTS OF TRANSITION TO EFC

COLLABORATION

- Monthly THP-NMD Providers Meeting
 - Probation
 - Social Services
 - Local THP Providers

FOCUS OF COLLABORATIVE MEETINGS



Provide Training



Share Resources



Exchange Information



Discuss Items of Significance



Maintain shared Database



Collaborate on Projects

NEW PROCESS
CREATED

TRANSITION TO EFC

BACKGROUND OF TRANSITION TO EFC PROCESS

- The Transition from STRTP to EFC was Lacking:
 - Standardization/Structure
 - Education for NMD about EFC
 - Input from the NMD
 - Warm-handoff
- Process created instability (frequent movement)



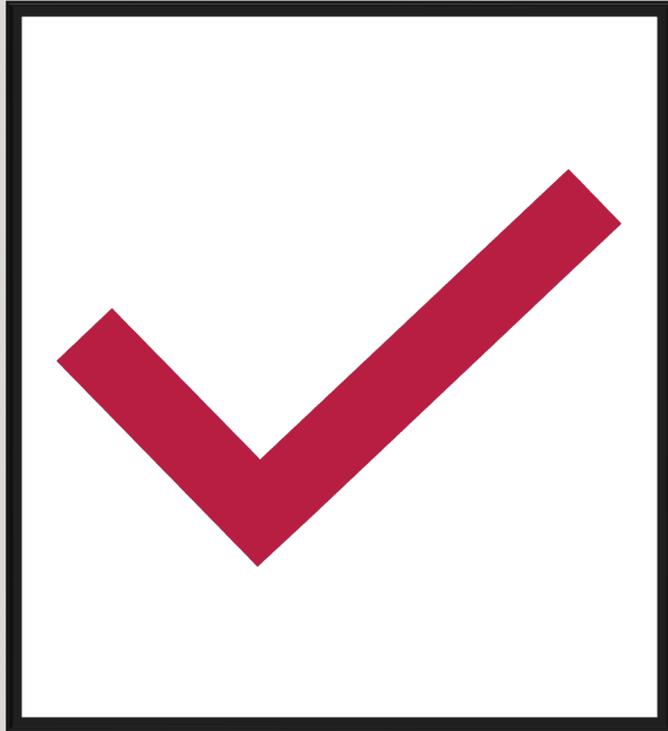
BASELINE DATA

- 26% stayed in their first THP or SILP
- 55% moved 1-4 times (average 2.3 moves)
- 19% moved 5+ times (average 6.1 moves)

PURPOSE OF TRANSITION TO EFC PROCESS

- Create a standardized and structured workflow
 - Step-by-step roles and responsibilities
 - Warm handoff
 - Increase NMD's knowledge of EFC
 - Included NMD's input
- Achieve stability AT ENTRY into EFC
 - Reduce Trauma
 - Foster successful outcomes

THP QUESTIONNAIRE



- Familiarity with THP Programs
 - Created THP Questionnaire
 - Key Information
 - Shared with NMD
 - Informs NMD's choice

TRANSITIONAL INTERVIEW

- Prior to exiting STRTP
 - Introduction to EFC
 - Eligibility Criteria
 - Types of Housing
 - Rules and Expectations
 - Identify NMD's interests, goals, and plan to meet eligibility
 - Identify NMD's geographic preference
 - Identify a best-fit THP and refer NMD

OUTCOMES – EARLY STAGES OF IMPLEMENTATION

FOCUS HAS SHIFTED

- Inconsistent
- Reactive
- Top Down
- Uninformed of NMD's voice and choice
- Moving Frequently
- Quantity
- Standardized
- Proactive
- Bottom Up
- Informed of NMD's voice and choice
- Preserving Stability
- Quality

OUTCOMES – LATER STAGES OF IMPLEMENTATION

Ongoing Challenges

NMD's Continued Movement
NMD's Continued Changing Life Circumstances



Solutions

Re-engage in Transitional Interview
Continuous Improvement

DATA TRACKING

Evaluate Effectiveness

Identify Improvement Opportunities

Data Points:

- Date entered EFC
- Number of moves since first EFC placement (if any)
- Date and reason for move (Positive vs. Negative)
- Incidence of stable outcomes upon aging out of EFC

REPLICATION



You can implement this in your county



Partner with Social Services to host collaborative meetings with local THPs



Streamline your process



Engage NMDs in a Transitional Interview



Establish stable housing AT ENTRY into EFC



Reduce the trauma related to frequently moving



Handouts available

QUESTIONS

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