



Kin-First and Family Centered Practices in Probation

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SB 384 – passed on August 25, 2022

Amends WIC Section 628 (Notice to Relatives)

- (d)((3)(B) The due diligence required under subparagraph (A) shall include family finding.
- Family Finding means conducting an investigation, including, but not limited to, through a computer-based search engine, to identify relatives and kin and to connect a child or youth, who may be disconnected from their parents, with those relatives and kin in an effort to provide family support and possible placement (Also - contacting an Indian child's tribe)
- If the probation officer did not conduct the identification and notification of relatives, but the court orders foster care placement, the probation officer shall conduct the investigation to within 30 days of placement order.

Guidance and Directives

ACYF-CB-IM-18-05 Strengthening families through primary prevention of child maltreatment and unnecessary parent-child separation

ACYF-CB-IM-21-01 Achieving Permanency for the well being of Children and Youth

ACL's including

- 08-43- Release Of Information To Birth Relatives Of Previously Adopted Children
- 09-86- Implementing AB 938
- 18-42-Family Finding and Engagement, including: Beyond the requirements regarding relative notification lies the wide-ranging field of FFE, which seeks not merely to identify a relative caregiver for a child, but to *build a network of permanent connections which can support the child throughout his or her life.*

Probation shall Adopt FFE Practices [WIC628(d)(3)(A)(i)]

Probation required to:

- Notify CDSS on or before January 1, 2024, in an email or other correspondence:
 - Whether it has adopted one of the suggested practices for family finding in ACL18-42; and
 - Generally, whether the practice has been implemented through training, memoranda, manuals or comparable documents
- If county probation has not adopted one the models in ACL18-42, they shall provide a copy to CDSS of its existing family finding policies and practices as reflected in:
 - Memoranda, handbooks, manuals, training manuals or other documents that are in existence prior to January 1, 2022.

Probation W&I 628(d)(3)

PO shall use due diligence in investigating the names and locations of the relatives including, but not limited to, asking the child in an age-appropriate manner about relatives important to the child, consistent with the child's best interest, and obtaining information regarding the location of the child's adult relatives.

Executive Order on Strengthening the Child Welfare System for America's Children

Sec.5 Improving Processes to Prevent Unnecessary Removal and Secure Permanency for Children

- (a) Federal Review of Reasonable Effort Determination and Timeliness Requirements
- (i) within 2 yrs. of this order, Secretary shall require that both the title IV-E reviews and the Child and Family Services Reviews conducted... specifically and adequately assess the following requirements:
 - (A) reasonable efforts to prevent removal
 - (B) TPR within statutory timelines, unless statutory exemptions
 - (C) reasonable efforts to finalize permanent plans; and
 - (D) completion of relevant required family search and notifications and how such efforts are reviewed by the court.
 - June 24, 2020

Integrated Core Practice Model (ICPM)

...Intended to provide practical guidance and direction to support county child welfare, juvenile probation, behavioral health agencies, and community partners to improve delivery of timely, effective, and integrated services to children, youth, and families.

Values

Ten Guiding Practice Principles, including "Natural Supports"

Team based practices--Effective team-based practices encourage inclusion of youth and families with lived-experience in participation at every level of program development, implementation, evaluation, and service delivery
