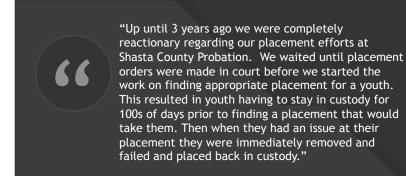


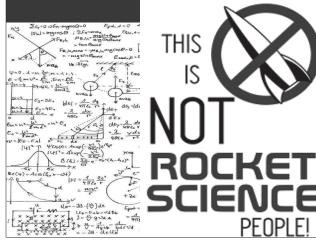
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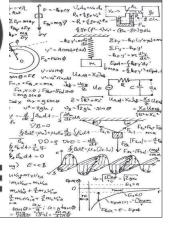


-direct quote from a super intelligent, handsome, and humble individual who wishes to remain anonymous to stay hidden from the paparazzi.



### Shasta County algorithm for supporting youth in foster care:





## Information

To support a youth in Foster Care we need as much accurate information about the youth's current situation as a possible.

### Communication

Communication between all parties including the youth and family is vital in supporting the needs of the youth.

# Planning

So many plans they should be falling out of your pocket! Plan for placing, plan for maintaining, plan for preservation, plan for transition back, and in every instance a backup and backup backup plan. At this very moment start a plan!





### The More You Know...

- Initial Intake Process
  - Intake Packet
    - Include information on everything you may potentially need for a future placement youth.
  - Critical Documents
    - Obtain copies of Social Security Cards, Birth Certificates, etc. This will save time in the future.
  - Family Finding
    - Do a family finding right from the get-go to find out what options are available from the jump.

### When to start placement considerations:

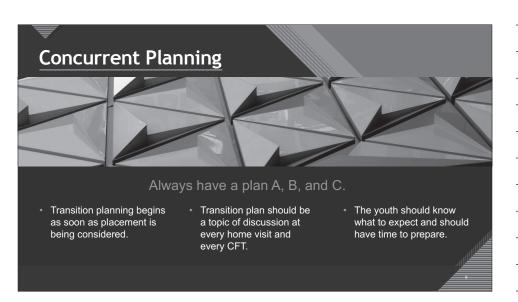
- As soon as it is even being entertained placement maybe an option.
- Staff with internal placement team.
  - Discuss options for youth with a team of individuals and if placement in any form may be viable.
  - For Shasta County this is often the first time an officer feels the youth may not be able to succeed at a lower level of care.
  - It also can be prompted by the first time it is brought up in court.
- Don't wait until the court gives placement orders.
  - By starting the process early and gathering all documents needed for foster care or the Qualified Individual process, the youth can be supported better by getting them through the process quicker rather than having them sit around and wait for placement to happen eventually.

### **Choosing an STRTP**

- Choose an STRTP based on what will best suit the youth's needs, not whoever will take them.
- Provide as much information as you can upfront, so the STRTP knows what to expect.
- Be mindful of location/school setting/availability of appropriate programming.









Child/Youth Monthly Contact Form				Social/Emotional (peers, cultural, religious, ethnic considerations)	
Probation Officer:			Visit Date:		
Child(ren)'s Names					
Location of visit:	In Placement (preferred location) Court Other		ion Office	Mental Health (counseling, psychetropic	medications, substance use, any concerns)
Did you spend time:	speaking privately with the child(ren)?				
Status:	Completed Attempted	Other		Medical/Dental (uncoming appointments	any concerns, medications, reproductive health education needs)
Names of other parties present:					
If visit was in placement, did you inspect the:	Child(ren)'s bedroom Living space Other	Kitche Bathro	n om		
Comments:				Court Case Status (progress on legal car	e, age appropriate and applicable needs)
Follow up topics fro	m last visit None				
2 3				Other Objectives (Credit Report and ILE	services)
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				Youth Signature:	Date:
				Probation Officer Signature:	Date:
Visitation/Family	Finding and Engagement (frequen	cy activities sib	ing contacts, any concerns)	Caregiver/Staff Signature:	Date:
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# Collaboration Multidisciplinary Team Meetings (MDT) Child and Family Team Meetings (CFT) Status Meetings Therapeutic Behavioral Services (TBS) Monthly meetings with county representatives to discuss all placement youth and their concerns/needs. May include mental health clinician, nurse, school district, Wraparound coordinator, etc.

### Communication

- With your team(placement unit, supervisor, administration)
- With the STRTP
- With the family/foster parent/etc
- All parties should always know what the youth is doing or not doing in some cases.



# Thank You!

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We will take questions at the end of the session.