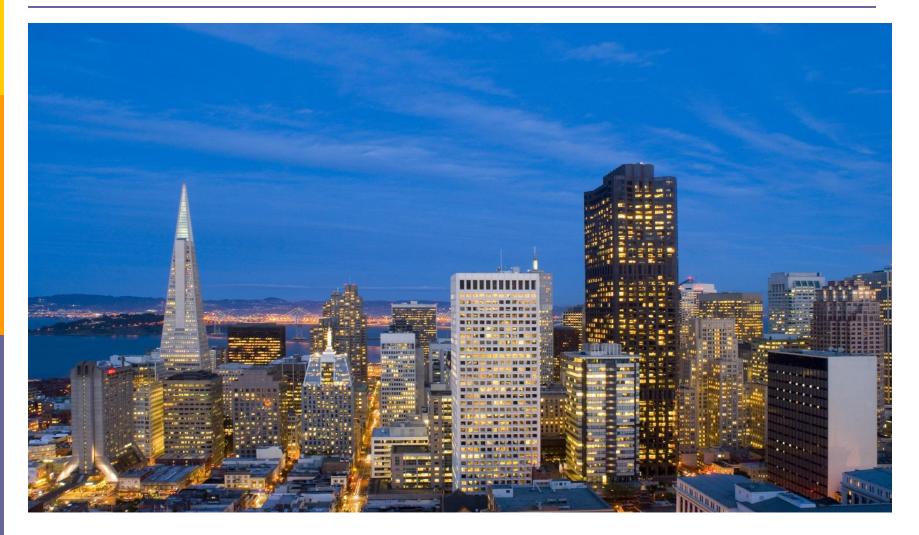
San Francisco Continuum of Care Reform Discussion



What is it?

- Governor Brown signed Assembly Bill 403 on October 11, 2015
- Comprehensively reforms placement and treatment options for youth in foster care
- Builds upon years of policy changes to improve outcomes for youth in foster care

A very big deal!

Key Concept of CCR

- Based on research that shows that a family home-based structure:
 - Enables youth to transition through their stages of development more successfully
 - Improves the outcomes for our foster youth.



The fundamental principles of CCR:

- All children deserve to live with a committed, nurturing, and permanent family that prepares youth for a successful transition into adulthood.
- Child and Family Voice
- Services follow the child (continuity of care)
- Family is held at the center by partnering agencies (Child and Family Teams)
- Normalcy in development
- Permanency
- Reduction in the use of congregate care with focus on Family based care

CCR BUILDS ON CURRENT REFORM EFFORTS

California

- Approved Relative Caregivers Program (ARC)
- Resource Family Approval
- Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI)
- Child and Family Teaming/Pathways to Mental Health
- Residentially-Based
 Services Reform (RBS)

San Francisco

- ARC county
- RFA and QPI
- iASC implementation & spread (CFT-BH)
- Family Meeting Framework
- RBS Pilot County

Congregate Care/Groups Homes

Before CCR Implementation

Group homes and residential treatment centers (RCL system)

- Short –term residential treatment programs (STRTPs) replace group homes.
- Service array for STRTPs must include mental health services (and requires a mental health contract).
- STRTPs must be accredited by a national accreditation organization.

Resource Family Assessment

Before CCR Implementation

Foster families, relative caregivers, NREFMs, and adoptive families have slightly different assessments

- All family-based care providers called Resource Families.
- Resource Family Approval (RFA) provides uniform placement and adoption assessments completed at beginning of placement.

Intensive Treatment Foster Care (ITFC)

Before CCR Implementation

Intensive treatment foster homes (ITFC) are used for intensive in-home treatment

After CCR Implementation

Intensive Services Foster Care (ISFC) includes ITFC, Treatment Foster Care (TFC), Therapeutic Behavioral services (TBS) etc

Child and Family Team Meeting (CFT)

Before CCR Implementation

Many different versions of family, team and provider meetings.

After CCR Implementation

One standard Child and Family Team (CFT) meeting model using trained facilitators.

Treatment Foster Care (TFC)

Before CCR Implementation

Did not exist

After CCR Implementation

New mental health billing code for use by resource families (treatment foster parents) who work with an FFA that has Medi-Cal certification.

Accountability for FFAs and STRPs

Before CCR Implementation

Varied

- Accreditation
- Performance measures
- Consumer surveys
- Inter-departmental oversight framework

Continuity of Services & Permanency

Before CCR Implementation

Continuity of care and permanency are primarily the responsibility of the child welfare agency

- Continuity of care and permanency are everyone's responsibility
- All STRTPs and FFAs will be expected to provide a seamless continuum of mental health services across placement changes
 - FFAs with Mental Health contracts are expected to provide those services
 - FFAs without mental health contracts are expected to form partnerships with agencies that can provide those services for them
- STRTPs and FFAs will be expected to engage in family finding and partnerships to aid in finding permanency for youth

Rates

Before CCR Implementation

RCL system has rates based on age of the child and type of facility

- New rate system replaces RCL system.
- Resource Family rates based on needs of child and linked to child, not the facility
- Single STRTP rate
- New rates are higher, and designed to provide a variety of services to a child in any type of resource family home
- Eventually, a Level of Care assessment determines rate for the child.
- Interim rates plan starts in January 2017, Level of Care assessment starts later

New Rates Effective 1-1-2017

- New basic rate for resource family homes- \$889 for every child regardless of age
- FFA rates are interim rates until level of care is implemented and currently will remain age based
- FFA rate consists of the basic rate + a social worker component + a RFA component + an administration component + a service and supports component
- STRTP rate will be \$12,036 per month per child

Questions



Current Infrastructure

