

Foster and Kinship Care (FKCE) Advisory Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 8th 2022
3:30-4:30pm
Lake Tahoe Community College
Zoom Meeting

Attendees:

Dana McKnight, Sara Hunter, Michael Moncrieff, Brad Deeds, Bill Martinez, and Mario Guerrero.

Introductions & Roundtable Updates:

Michael: CPS has seen a dramatic reduction in reports and number of children in placement. This could be due to Covid, and a more preventative and proactive approach. The new Family Preservation Program is currently in place.

Bill: Classes at the Family Resource Center continue to go well- numbers have gone up and continue to go up. Increased participation.

Mario: Casa El Dorado has a new Executive Director. They have also seen a reduction in the number of cases. This could be because of family coaching, family law programs, and a more proactive approach such as CPS- focus on less institutionalization.

Brad: LTCC made it through the Omicron surge. Timely Care app is available for students- which provides students with 24/7 mental health and health care access, great benefit for students. LTCC is undergoing a Remodel for Efficiency over the next year. ESL classes return to F2F and has been receiving support from ADVANCE to help grow the program.

Program Updates/Upcoming Trainings:

- Unable to locate an AmeriCorp candidate for this fiscal year.
- Resource Family Approval Trainings continue via Zoom. Classes are currently scheduled through June 2022. There are weekly Monday night classes and Super Saturdays once a month.
- Working with Sierra Child and Family and El Dorado County to provide RFA training and In Service English Language training hours on Zoom and in-person. Most likely will see a hybrid approach.
- Training in Spanish on Zoom will increase from 2x/week to 3x/week.

FKCE Updates:

Program budget is due February 28, 2022. FKCE grant was cut 7% from last year.

Closing Discussion: Discussion around the noticeable gap in juvenile supportive services, new idea of putting together a series of classes for parents with juveniles in probation.

Meeting adjourned.