

**Foster and Kinship Care (FKCE) Advisory Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**3:00- 4:00pm**  
**Lake Tahoe Community College**  
**Zoom Meeting**

**Attendees:**

Dana McKnight (Program Director/FKCE), Sara Hunter (Administrative Assistant/LTCC), Sasha Davila (EOPS Director & Counselor/LTCC), Jennifer Pera (Program Manager/Child Protective Services), and Michael Moncrieff (RFA Supervisor/Child Protective Services).

**Introductions & Roundtable Updates**

**Michael & Jennifer/El Dorado CPS:**

- Increase in social workers has made caseloads more manageable, families are able to work with the same social worker throughout the entire process.
- Family Engagement and Finding Unit continues to grow and 50% of children are getting placed with relatives as opposed to foster families.
- Data supports the belief that children do better overall when placed with family members.
- The county has System Improvement Goals: include making prevention a high priority, an electronic storage system, a shift in the overall culture.

**Sasha/Lake Tahoe Community College EOPS/CARE/NextUp:**

- Strict age regulations for NextUP can make edibility more difficult, but often if someone does not qualify for NextUp, they can benefit from EOPS services.
- NextUp has grown from 0 students to 7 in the last year.
- Working with outside agencies to spread awareness and connect with students earlier.

**Program Updates/Upcoming Trainings:**

- Zoom RFA -Resource Family Approval Trainings- Collaborating with Folsom College. Providing for the Eastern Slope & South Lake along, Sierra Child & Family homes, Amador County families. Scheduled RFA classes through June 2024 scheduled providing weekly Monday night classes and Super Saturday once a month (attendance numbers increasing)
- Continuing on-going training in Spanish on Zoom, 2-hour classes, 2 times a week

**FKCE Updates:**

- Mandated State Institute will be in Sacramento on March 13 & 14, 2024.
- Regional Design will be implemented 25-26 with many unknowns.
- Continuing collaborate with Sasha Davila with providing YESS/ILP classes for age 16-21 foster youth or prior foster youth, Next Step participants.

**Meeting adjourned.**