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Purpose

Child Welfare Partnership (DHS & PSU School of Social Work)

Family Connections Oregon

Timeline of Grant Implementation
Informing the FCO Model

- Oregon’s history of practice
- Local and national knowledge partners
- Research
Vision & Goal

The **Vision** of this program is that every child who comes to the attention of child welfare be connected, healed, and safe within the context of lifelong family and cultural ties.

The **Goal** is to demonstrate the effectiveness of combined models of Family Find and Family Group Conferencing in three unique populations, while addressing infrastructure barriers and installing infrastructure supports for statewide sustainability.
Install the necessary systems supports to sustain family connections practice across the state

- Family Leadership
- Fiscal Strategies
- Workforce Strategies
- Supportive Data and Outcomes
Local implementation of Family Connections model with front end cases:
- Multnomah (African American families)
- Lane
- Douglas

Improved outcomes related to safety, permanency and well-being for over 175 Families during the course of the grant.
Evaluation: System-Level Intervention

- **Focal Areas**
  1. Leadership
  2. Infrastructure
  3. Workforce competencies & skills

- **Process**
  - To what extent was the planned system-level intervention implemented?

- **Outcome**
  - Did the planned system-level intervention have the intended outcomes?
Core Components of Combined Model

Family Connections Oregon

- Combined FF/FGC
- FCO Coordinator
- Trauma Informed
- Front End
- Culturally Responsive
- Co-location with CW
- Family Voice
FCO Intervention Model

Find and Contact Family
- Find
- Contact
- Engage
- Documentation

Child & Family Assessment
- Strengths, needs & culture
- Trauma informed assessment
- Safety issues

Family Group Conference
- Preparation
- Information sharing
- Private family time
- Plan, review and confirm next steps

Ongoing
- Continued family engagement
- Monitoring and updating the plan
- Additional meetings as needed
Evaluation: FCO Intervention

**Process**
- Were the FCO model components implemented?
- Did agencies, service providers, and child welfare offices collaborate?
- Were services delivered with fidelity?
- What were the successes & barriers?

**Outcome**
Was FCO model effective in supporting:
- connections with family members?
- family capacity building?
- safe, permanent living arrangements with family members?
- family protective factors & child well-being?

**Cost Study**
- Cost of implementing the FCO model
- Cost savings associated with benefits of FCO model
- Evaluation of early intervention strategies
- The importance of the family meeting
- Managing timeliness of resolution
Telling it like it is.
Task Force Subcommittees

- Fiscal
- Workforce Development
- Model Oversight
- Evaluation & Data
- Family Leadership
“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

- Margaret Mead