

Leveraging Intensive Family Engagement (LIFE)

Progress Update from the Evaluation Team

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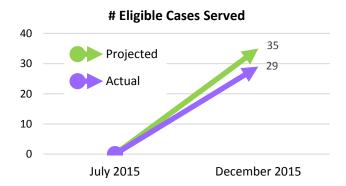
What is LIFE?

LIFE is a locally-developed values-based intervention focused on addressing gaps and challenges central to reducing the time to permanency for high risk children. LIFE has four key features:

- Family Finding: identify and engage a broad network of family support and placement resources
- Case Planning Meetings (CPMs): case planning and monitoring informed by child and family voice
- Peer Parent Mentors (PMs): help parents engage in CPMs and services, navigate the child welfare/service systems
- Collaborative team planning between service providers involved with the case

LIFE Values • Strengths-based • Culturally responsive • Family voice • Trauma-informed

Recruitment is on track



LIFE Team collaboration is a key component

Communication and strong working relationships between the LIFE Team and caseworkers support case progress.

Practice: Flexibility & Structure

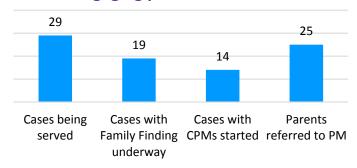
Family Engagement Facilitators (FEFs) exercise flexibility within the program structure. Flexing timelines and the CPM agenda structure has helped the LIFE Team to serve families' needs and practice LIFE values while remaining focused on problem solving, service coordination, case progress monitoring, and productivity.

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Early implementation successes in D2/15

- Effective training, coaching and supervision of the LIFE Team
- Leadership has been actively involved in readiness efforts and ongoing communication with the field
- Continuous quality improvement (CQI) efforts are underway

Success engaging parents in LIFE (as of 12/31/15)



Parent Mentors provide supports

Parent Mentors help prepare parents for CPMs, provide emotional support during meetings, support parent voice/perspective, provide transportation, and share information about community resources.

Evaluation questions? Please contact:

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