KLS June Listening and Learning

Questions from June 24, 2025, Listening and Learning session.

Q: Will there be a radio button in the Current Relationship section that we can check if the applicant is not in a relationship? (This may get answered in the demo but still wanted to include it).

A: There is a required narrative box regarding the applicant's relationship. If they are not in a relationship, a short narrative would be provided in the narrative box. There is no radio button to indicate this.

Q: In WAC 110-149-0100 "Providing kinship respite care", am I to understand that if a kinship caregiver wants to provide respite for another kinship child or youth and they don't want to get paid, that they do not need to request a reassessment of their current license to add that child or youth?

A: For care provided under 72 hours and within prudent parenting, if the kinship caregiver does not wish to be paid, this is correct.

Q: For adult child interviews, we indicate that they were interviewed, or not, and diligent attempts. We don't include any content of the interview in the home study - that goes in a provider note. How would RLs follow this practice?

A: If the response is positive, you **will** document that in the home study under the Child interview/observation section. Treat concerning information received in interviews carefully. Do not document *concerns* in this section to protect the person providing the information as much as possible. Address concerns in the relevant sections (typically Collateral Contacts) throughout the assessment. Document concerns in the collateral information section without identifying sources.

This is the same practice for our CPA partners. They should not identify who said something concerning in the home study output report. If an RL has a question about where information came from, you may ask the CPA directly.

Q: Is Prudent Parenting still in effect for kinship?

A: Yes, WACs 110-149-0080 and 110-149-0210 reflect this and RCW 74.13.710 is the law authorizing this.

Q: Our agency as a whole is continuing to get questions about kinship caregivers being able to provide financially for their own family without relying on reimbursement, particularly in home studies where families are being pre-approved for permanency. Can you share again what the requirement is for assessing a kinship applicants' finances? And maybe provide an example of when a financial worksheet may be requested?

A: There is a radio button selection with a statement in the Adoption section regarding assessment of the family's resources per the RCW. The narrative for this is captured in the Resources section of the Kinship Home Study, regardless of a family's intent for permanency, so the writer does not have to duplicate their work. The Kinship Home Study and Reassessment Practice Guide will also provide this guidance to the writer. As stated during the session, there is no Financial Worksheet or proof of income for kinship assessments, including those for adoption.