



**Statewide Foster Parent Team (1624) Meeting
June 17, 2020**

Region Discussion Topics

Region 1

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Topic #1

Regional Resolutions:

Crisis line/support – this topic continues to be discussed/worked on at the regional level.

Topic #2

Optimistic Outlooks:

Fostering Washington (FWA) was asked by HQ to reach out to relative caregivers and other suitable placements. FWA asked caregivers about mental health, financial, behavioral, educational, household needs etc. If needs were identified, FWA would connect them back to their Social Worker. FWA also talked with families about becoming licensed and the non-needy relative grant (TANF). FWA helped connect them to the Kinship Navigator, food banks, breakfast and lunch programs through the schools. Embrace WA has also come along side to help with a one-time gift card to help with bills/needs for relative caregivers.

Region 2

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No topics to share at this time.

Region 3

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Topic #1

Upcoming switch to in person visits. It would be nice to know if there will be any exemptions for families that come under high risk?

Topic #2

When will caregivers be able to request respite again?

Region 4

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Topic #1

We would like to continue discussion of the creation of a roles and responsibilities guidance document for foster parents to utilize when engaging with a child's parents without a social

worker or visit supervisor present (such as at medical appointments). We are also requesting a small group be formed to draft guidelines.

Region 5

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No topics to share at this time

Region 6

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No topics to share at this time.

Foster Parent Organization Discussion Topics

Foster Parents Association of Washington State (FPAWS)

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Topic #1

In supporting the Pastor Timothy Hughes foster family, the issue of WAC definition for video cameras in bio-family bedrooms needs to be addressed. This is an issue we see as currently defined beyond the intent of the WAC. We have attached one of the many correspondences Pastor Hughes sent to Licensing. Please consider possible alternatives, as this current logic further diminishes the ability of foster parents to care for sexually aggressive and physically aggressive youth while keeping their bio and/or adopted children safe. A case by case alternative, where we team the case, would be our solution.

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Topic #1

Update on caregiver webinars available during COVID

Topic #2

Reminder to sign up for training notifications