Thriving Families: Removal Standards

Preparing staff for practice changes to keep children and youth safely at home or with kin

Provides all case-carrying workers with the understanding of the legal shift regarding removals, imminent physical harm, services to families, and assessment of child safety. The Removal Standards Project supports the workforce and case management components of DCYF's Family Practice Model.



FAMILY PRACTICE MODEL FRAMEWORK



INCLUSION • RESPECT • INTEGRITY • COMPASSION • TRANSPARENCY

How will families be supported?

Prepared staff will better support families to keep children and youth safe at home or with kin when removal is necessary, which will contribute to family well-being, stability, and permanency outcomes.

How will staff be supported?

Staff will be supported with information, practice profiles, training, coaching, guidance, and tools.

How do we demonstrate we are prioritizing prevention?

By working diligently to keep children and youth safe with their families and kin, we are contributing to relational permanency and protective factors that will benefit the children and youth into adulthood.

How are we reducing disparities?

Keeping children and youth safe at home or with kin when removal is necessary will help reduce disparities for American Indian/Alaska Native and Black families that experience disproportionate rates of removal.

This project is part of the **Thriving Families** campaign, which is made up of multiple ongoing projects in the child welfare space.

Thriving Families will allow DCYF to strengthen its work with children and families, and support staff.

The campaign will improve outcomes for families by safely reducing the number of children in out-of-home placements, supporting families so children remain safely at home, placing children with kin if they cannot remain safely at home, and ensuring placements are safe, stable, and support permanency.

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