

MEMO TO THE CPMT

January 19, 2018

Administrative Item A-1: Approve Policy Manual Change to Allow Foster Parents to Serve as Parent Representatives

ISSUE:

That the local CSA policy manual and state CSA policy manual have conflicting statements regarding the ability of foster parents to serve in the capacity of FAPT and CPMT Parent Representatives.

BACKGROUND:

The local CSA policy manual currently prohibits foster parents from serving in the capacity of FAPT/CPMT Parent Representative. State policy, as well as the Code of Virginia, specifically states that foster parents *may* serve as parent representatives as shown in the section below: “Parent representatives who are employed by a public or private program that receives funds pursuant to this chapter or agencies represented on a community policy and management team may serve as a parent representative provided that they do not, as a part of their employment, interact directly on a regular and daily basis with children or supervise employees who interact directly on daily basis with children. Notwithstanding this provision, foster parents may serve as parent representatives.”

Our local policy manual states:

“FAPT/MDT Parent Representatives

Parent representatives who are employed by a public or private program that receives funds pursuant to this chapter or agencies represented on a community policy and management team may serve as parent representative provided that they do not, as a part of their employment, interact directly on a regular and daily basis with children or supervise employees who interact directly on a daily basis with children. Foster parents may not serve as parent representatives, as they are considered employees, or “providers”.”

RECOMMENDATION:

That local CSA policy be changed to reflect both state CSA policy and the Code of Virginia, and that foster parents who meet the criteria previously developed by the CPMT subgroup on Parent Representatives be allowed to serve in this capacity.

ATTACHMENT: None

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