

WORKSHOP: FOSTER CARE NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

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I. FOSTER CARE NETWORK DEVELOPMENT:

1. PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION

- Promote family preservation and whenever children are not able to live with their families, they are guaranteed a safe, loving, nurturing environment, leading towards their holistic development as alternative care.

2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

- Develop structured working methods should be on mutual terms between all, bearing in mind to respect their diversities.

3. MODALITIES

- Interactive website.

II. FOSTER CARE NETWORK DEVELOPMENT:

1. PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION

- Regional network yes, but there is a need for national networking too.

2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

- Work together, learn from each other, hold conferences, training, exchange information.

3. MODALITIES

- Use all means, like internet etc.

III. FOSTER CARE NETWORK DEVELOPMENT:

1. PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION

- Mutual respect;
- Equality in partner;
- Willingness to overcome challenges;
- Solution oriented.

2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

- Policy legislation; Education – public campaign / Theme / Month of November;
- Capacity development (share material, personal evaluation, internship, exchange));
- Research: methodology / reports;
- Data / Analysis.

3. MODALITIES

- Focal point per island;
- Website / interactive;
- Post name / organization;
- Better Care Network.

IV. FOSTER CARE NETWORK DEVELOPMENT:

1. PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION

- The will to work together. Cooperation is sharing and sharing is to give.

2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

- Foster Care;
- Sharing and adapting existing laws and policies and methods, forms and interventions.

3. MODALITIES

- Facilitate internet addresses, names, telephone numbers;
- All presentations to be emailed to participants;
- Conference 2010??? Where???

V. FOSTER CARE NETWORK DEVELOPMENT:

1. PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION

- To share common ideas;
- To strengthen and improve existing programs and policies;
- To establish best practices in the region as they pertain to foster care;

2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

- Sharing of policies, research and standards.

3. MODALITIES

- Set up Caribbean / West Indies Foster Care Association;
- Create a website with links to/in every territory;
- Standardize forms and guidelines for foster care.

VI. FOSTER CARE NETWORK DEVELOPMENT:

1. PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION

- Recognize the diversity of the countries involved;
- Mutual respect for each other's culture and traditional way of life, morals;

- The best interest of the child (define best interest / care, protection and safety of the child) showed be paramount and central.
2. AREAS OF COOPERATION
 - Interchange statistics and data;
 - Assistance from each other;
 - Tapping into resources of each other (professional services, training, legislation;
 - Exchange of visits (learning internship / work experience).
 3. MODALITIES
 - Association of Foster Care Organizations;
 - Executive Board: regular meetings;
 - Annual Conference;
 - Set up with website;
 - See M.O.U.

VII. FOSTER CARE NETWORK DEVELOPMENT:

1. PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION
 - Standardization of: indicators, data collection, reporting and goals.
2. AREAS OF COOPERATION
 - Policy development;
 - Training;
 - Program development;
 - Networking.
3. MODALITIES
 - N/A.

VIII. FOSTER CARE NETWORK DEVELOPMENT:

1. PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION
 - Get community involved;
 - Ensure best interest of the child in all decisions.
2. AREAS OF COOPERATION
 - Policy development;
 - Develop parental programs;
 - After care programs.

3. MODALITIES

- Quarterly meetings;
- Newsletter;
- Regional entities; divided into regional network blocks;
- Website.

IX. FOSTER CARE NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

1. PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION

- Best interest of the child;
- Mutual respect and acceptance;
- Child oriented participation and focus.

2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

- Legislation and policy;
- Definitions, registrations, system modalities;
- Standardization of procedures and protocol on alternative care and best practices.

3. MODALITIES

- Sharing information;
- Setting up website;
- Regularly regional meetings;
- Joint trainings;
- Exchange visits (1x per year), cross border;
- Agreements, monitoring; follow ups, protocol of cooperation.