

Big Bend Community Based Care
Child Placement Agreement Pilot Feedback
December 7, 2016 – Orlando

- Big Bend CBC completed the child placement agreement pilot in our outlying/smaller counties. These counties consist of Gadsden, Wakulla, Franklin, and Liberty for the Circuit 2 area and Calhoun, Jackson, Holmes, and Washington for Circuit 14. Big Bend CBC subcontracts case management supervision for the outlying counties to DISC Village in Circuit 2 and Anchorage Children's Home for Circuit 14. We determined to use the smaller counties so that we could focus on a smaller population and collect as much feedback from these groups before rolling out to our larger case counties.
- A review was completed with both case management agencies of all children who were currently on a safety plan as well as any children who were deemed to need a staffing based on behavioral concerns but did not currently meet the criteria for a safety plan.
- By utilizing the new child placement agreement's we were able to discharge/terminated 8 children from their safety plans that no longer required a plan. 8 children were placed on care precaution plans and 2 were placed on behavioral management plans. As plans were created they were reviewed by the team – this included the supervisor, Blair Wulfekuhl, Gordy Pyper, and Chad Sedam who was identified as the qualified evaluator for our area.
- Our biggest success story is a child who was suspected of possible sexual abuse upon shelter but has not had any behaviors since being removed from the home. He was placed on a safety plan and has remained on one since the shelter of this child and the caregiver has always monitored the behaviors of the child. The case was staffed with a qualified evaluator and it was determined that a care precaution was no longer deemed necessary and therefore the plan was terminated. This is extremely exciting as the child was recently matched with an identified adoptive family.
- Lessons learned moving forward from the pilot is that a debriefing with all system partners will be needed to determine how tracking will be completed upon roll out statewide. We need to ensure that all, licensed and non-licensed, children are captured and evaluated for a child placement agreement. Additionally, we would like to identify additional qualified evaluators as we roll out to our larger areas.