

Welcome!
Strategies for
Reducing the
Long-Term
Foster Care Population

Panelists:

- Karen Gunderson, CDSS
- Lisa Parrish, LA Gay & Lesbian Center
- Bob Friend, Seneca Family of Agencies
- Don Pickens, CA State Parent Team
- Katie Howard, CFCC


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Overview

- CAPP
- RISE
- Practice: Collaboration at the local level
- Voice of Parents and Youth


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Federal, state, and local efforts focused on SYSTEM CHANGE



Federal Efforts:

- PII: Permanency Innovations Initiative
 - CAPP: California Partners for Permanency
 - RISE: Recognize Intervene Support Empower



Message from Commissioner Bryan Samuels
(Administration on Children, Youth and Families)

"We're connecting science to programs, data to decisions, and research to practice. And more importantly, we're connecting children in care to the resources and relationships they need to be successful."



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CAPP: The Journey

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The RISE Initiative

- Recognize Intervene Support Empower
- *Permanent Families for LGBTQ Children and Youth in Foster Care in Los Angeles*

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Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center RISE Interventions

<p>RISE Training & Coaching Institute (TCI) that develops training and coaching efforts needed for the three interventions</p> <p>Identification Survey (I)</p> <p>RISE will create an anonymous survey of foster youth ages 11+ years that focuses on safety and youth development domains, which includes questions designed to assess the proportion of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth in foster care.</p> <p>A system-level intervention</p>	<p>Outreach and Relationship Building (O)</p> <p>RISE will create a set of protocols for improving the relationship-building process between children/youth and public and private agency staff, as well as improving the levels of affirmation for sexual and gender diversity communicated in the child welfare environment.</p> <p>An organizational-level intervention</p>	<p>Care Coordination Team (CCT)</p> <p>RISE will create CCTs using a wraparound approach combined with family finding and engagement, plus LGBTQ-competency strategies, in order to increase durable connections and emotional and legal permanence by reducing barriers to permanency for LGBTQ youth at risk for long-term foster care, including those arising from heterosexism and anti-transgender bias.</p> <p>A child and family-level intervention</p>
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Improve permanency for LGBTQ youth in the foster care system by reducing heterosexism and anti-transgender bias.

RISE

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Care Coordination Team (CCT) Intervention

- Technologies and materials to reduce family rejection, increase family support, and improve permanency for LGBTQ children and youth at risk of long-term foster care.



Permanency in Practice

- Collaboration at the local level




Local Collaborative Efforts

- FFE: Family Finding & Engagement
- Permanence – what does it mean?
- Merging of perspectives



Voice of Parents and Youth

- Building trust is a process
- Shared responsibility and commitment
- Barriers, apprehensions are natural
- Ask: who is not at the table?



Questions?

Comments?

What's Next?