

Different Reports and Interesting Facts Found in Volume Seven

- 7.001.2 **Functional Assessment. Appropriateness of referral. Determining if the case is open in the agency. Awareness of agency and community resources and their current availability. Initial assessment of problems and service needs. Determining if another agency can better serve the client. Information about risk factors that can be used in making decisions about urgency of service delivery. Determining whether an emergency exists that meets the emergency assistance criteria in accordance with section 7.001.45.**
- 7.001.7 **Case Closure (B) 1. Reason for case closure. 2. Summary of services provided. 3. Assessment of risk of further abuse or neglect for Program Area 5 cases.**
- 7.002.1 **Case Recording.(B) 1. Ongoing assessment of individual and/or family functioning. 2. Assessment of programs toward objectives and goals. 3. Chronology of significant events including date of occurrence. 4. Method of intervention/treatment and impressions of effectiveness. 5. Changes and/or refinements of case plan. 6. Type and extent of court involvement. 7. Other significant individuals or agencies involved.**
- 7.002.11 **Case Records. This section talks about what needs to be in the department's case file and when.**
- 7.200.1 **Child Welfare Services.(G) Child welfare services shall be provided in collaboration with other community agencies on behalf of children, youth, and their families. Assessment tools or resources available through these community agencies shall be incorporated in the assessment, based on the culture, ethnicity or other needs of the family.**
- 7-201.3 **Initial Assessment. (A) The county department shall respond, either with a face-to-face intervention or by telephone, when notified by the court appointed detention screener or by a law enforcement officer, of a child or youth in the custody of a law enforcement agency who is inappropriate of secure detention but cannot be returned home. (B) The county department shall complete a needs assessment for children or youth who do not require physical restriction but for whom immediate removal from the home appears necessary for his or her protection or for the protection of others. The county department shall provide needed services, other than secure detention, such as temporary placement, crisis intervention, or in home services.**
- 7.202.4 **Initial Assessment. This section goes through the procedure and documenting that must occur when a call of abuse or neglect is received by the county department.**
- 7.202.5 **Investigation Procedures.**

- 7.202.51 Protective Plan. (C) Counties are to provide staff with a standardized format on which to document protective plans. Documentation fo a protective plan is completed with a family and shall include the following: 1. Description of present danger; and 2. Indication that the parent’s willingness and capacity to cooperate is sufficient to proceed; and 3. Description of actions to be taken by family, agency, personnel and others; and 4. Commitment and availability of the person (s) responsible for ensuring the child’s safety; and 5. Time frames of the plan; and 6. Signatures of parents, care givers, and others who are included in the plan.
- 7.202.52 (H)(I) Colorado Family Risk Assessment. (a) determines risk for future abuse and neglect (b) aids in determining if case services should be provided beyond the initial 30 day investigation/assessment (c) if the case is open beyond the investigation, helps target the appropriate level of services.
- 7.202.52 (N)(5) When there is a request by any party to the action to view or listen to an audio or video tape, the child or the guardian ad litem shall be notified in advance of the request when possible.
- 7.202.531 Colorado Safety Assessment. Definitions.
- A. Colorado Safety Assessment refers to the instrument in TRAILS that guides the caseworker through a safety assessment procedure.
 - B. Impending Danger refers to threats to child safety that are based on specific referral information or a more thorough evaluation of individual and family conditions that create an immediate threat to child safety in the near future.
 - C. Present Danger refers to an immediate, significant and clearly observable threat to child safety this a actively occurring or in process of occurring at the point of contact with family and will likely result in severe harm to a child.
 - D. Protective Plan refers to a written plan designed to provide immediate protection of a child and this is put in place upon the initial contact during the assessment or at anytime present danger is identified during the safety and assessment process prior to the completion of the safety assessment.
 - E. Safety Plan refers to a written arrangement between the family, safety services providers, and the county department that establishes how impending danger to child will be controlled and managed.
- 7.202.533 Safety Assessment required. (1) at the conclusion of an investigation or assessment including when there are new allegations on an open ongoing child protective services case or (2) whenever there is a significant change in family circumstances

or situations that might pose a new or renewed threat of child safety or (3) prior to reunification on an open CPS case; (4) prior to supervisory approval for closing a CPS case.

7.202.534 Colorado Safety Assessment. Provides fifteen safety concerns to assess for impending danger.

7.202.535 Safety Planning and documentation. Safety plans do not need to be developed if the safety analysis results in the decision that out of home placement is the only plan sufficient to control impending danger safety concerns.

(C) all safety plans must include the following: 1. Safety responses that are the least restrictive response for assuring safety; 2. Safety responses that have an immediate impact on controlling safety concerns; 3. Activities that correspond to each specific safety concern and describe the frequency of each action; 4. Safety responses that are readily assessable at the level required to assure safety; 5. Identification of each family member and safety management provider participating in the plan; 6. Parental acknowledgment of safety concerns and a willingness to participate in the safety plan and 7. Caseworker activities to oversee the safety plan.

7.202.62 Provision of ongoing child protection services. Shall complete safety assessment in 7.202.53 and Colorado family risk reassessment every six months on all program area five cases that have remain home or reunification as the permanency goal.

7.301.1 Assessment. The Colorado Assessment Continuum (CAC) will be utilized throughout the case. The CAC includes the safety assessment and plan (7.202.52 G and 7.202.62 B); risk assessment (7.202.52 I); risk reassessment (7.202.62 C) and needs assessment (North Carolina Family Assessment Scale (NICFAS) 7.301.1 D)

7.301.21 Family Services Plan. The Family Services Plan shall be utilized as the interim treatment plan in court involved cases, to be available 30 calendar days after the child's removal or 30 calendar days after the filing of the petition, whichever is earlier.

7.301.241 Educational Assessment Requirements for out-of Home placements. Caseworker shall make a written referral for an educational assessment to the designated representatives of the child's school district of jurisdiction before a non-emergency placement in a group home, group center, child placement agency or residential care facility. In emergency placements, the caseworker shall make a verbal notification within five working days and a written notification within ten working days of placement.

7.301.243 Children birth to age of three in out of home placement. Infants and children under the age of 3 who may have delays in development or established conditions

associated with a disability shall to referred to the local child find effort.

- 7.301.3 Family Services Plan Review and update. The family services plan shall be reviewed in conference with the caseworker and supervisor every 90 calendar days.
- 7.304.21 Kinship Care. (C)(3) It is not required that the county department complete the kinship care or foster care certification process in these cases. A family assessment using the Department's modified Structured Analysis Family Evaluation (SAFE) for uncertified kinship families to determine the character and suitability of the family, appropriateness of the home and child care practices may be completed.
- 7.304.21 Kinship Care (D)(e)(1) The kinship foster home assessment shall begin as soon as possible and kinship foster care certification requirements shall be completed within 60 calendar days.
- (2) A check of findings from the State Department's automated system and the Colorado Bureau of Investigation shall be initiated by the county department the next working day following the emergency placement. FBI checks shall also be initiated the next working day for any applicant or other person 18 years of age or older residing in the household if he/she has be a resident of the state of Colorado less than 24 months.
- 7.304.54 The purpose of the plan is to establish treatment needs related to the stated goal for the child and to decide a method to provide a safe, stable, permanent environment for the child as quickly as possible.
- 7.304.62 (M) The guardian ad litem shall be notified within one (1) business day upon the child's placement into a foster care home. The guardian ad litem's contact information shall be provided to the foster care provider.
- 7.304.64 Visitation Plan. (4) The appropriateness of parent and child visitation, including assessment of risk.
- 7.304.67 Post-Placement Activities. (B) The county department shall complete a written summary within 30 calendar days after termination of the placement.
- 7.304.74 Responsibilities of Foster Parents. (C) Keep weekly records of each child's behavior and progress and submit those records monthly to the county department.
- 7.305.3 Independent Living. (A) The county department shall assess all youth in foster care who have reached age of 16 for independent living services and complete the independent living section of the Family Services Plan.

7.201.21 (C) For children age 16 and over in out of home placement, the plan for transition to independent living/emancipation shall be completed within 60 calendar days of the child's 16th birthday or of the case opening.

7-306.21 Adoption Placement. (B) The Adoption Placement Agreement shall be completed when the child is legally free for adoption and placed in the home.

7-306.43 Adoption subsidy agreement. This section described the mechanics of negotiation of a subsidy agreement for adoptive parents.

7.307.5 Interstate Compact on Placement of Children (B) send a referral packet to Deputy Compact in the receiving state and enter information from Forms 100-A and 100-B into the Child Welfare Automatic Tracking System.

7.310 Family Stability Services. (A) Family Stability Services shall be provided within the context of a support plan.