

## Child and Family Services Review Systemic Factors

As a part of the federal Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) process there are seven Systemic Factors assessed to determine the child welfare agency's ability to achieve positive outcomes for children. DFPS is seeking stakeholder input on four of the seven factors: Case Review System, Service Array, Agency Responsiveness to the Community, and Foster and Adoptive Parent Licensing, Recruitment and Retention, which will include a review of training requirements and standards currently in place for foster and adoptive parents.

A facilitated stakeholder meeting to discuss **Service Array and Agency Responsiveness to the Community** will be held on the following date and time:

**Date of Meeting: December 19, 2014**

**Location: Thompson Conference Center, Room 3.102, Austin, TX**

**Time: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

Systemic Factor	Federal Performance Indicators	Texas' Service Array
<p>DFPS' Service Array must extend to all regions and counties across the State and prove capable of providing services that: assess the strengths and needs of children and families and determine other service needs; address the needs of families in addition to individual children in order to create a safe home environment; enable children to remain safely with their parents when reasonable; and help children in foster and adoptive placements achieve permanency.</p> <p>It must also function in a manner that ensures the services available can be individualized to meet the unique needs of children and families.</p> <p>The state is required to provide qualitative and quantitative evidence that all of the services are present in each jurisdiction covered by the Child and Family State Plan (CFSP). The state must also identify gaps in the accessibility of and to the service</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The State has in place services that assess the strengths and needs of children and families and determines other service needs, and a service array that addresses the needs of families and children in order to create a safe home environment to enable children to remain safely with their parents when reasonable, and help children in foster and adoptive placements achieve permanency.</li> <li>2. The services are accessible to families and children in all political jurisdictions covered in the State's CFSP.</li> <li>3. The services can be individualized to meet the unique needs of the children and families they serve.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Texas has a comprehensive service array that extends to all regions and counties across the State. The Family Focus Division supports the collaboration with families to build on their strengths to develop individualized family plans that include the types of resources they identify as necessary to care for their children within their own homes and communities. This process, supported by agency policy and state statute, calls for the immediate assessment of the strengths and needs of the children and families to determine the services necessary to create a safe home environment, to enable children to remain safely with their parents when reasonable; and from the onset begins to work toward permanency for those children removed from their homes.</li> <li>2. DFPS has strategies and initiatives in place that support and facilitate the delivery of services to the vast majority of political jurisdictions covered in the State's CFSP. CPS also has strategies and initiatives in place to mitigate the effects of little or no resources in certain rural and sparsely populated jurisdictions.</li> <li>3. Examples of services that are individualized to meet the unique needs of children and families include Family Group Decision Making (FGDM), Circles of Support, Transitional Youth Planning, Permanency Round Tables.</li> </ol>

array across those jurisdictions.

Additionally, the state must provide qualitative and quantitative data to support a claim that services are individualized.

Systemic Factor	Federal Performance Indicators	Texas' Response to Community
<p>Agency Responsiveness To The Community examines how well the agency implements the provisions of the CFSP in collaboration and partnership with Tribal representatives, consumers, service providers, foster care providers, courts, and public and private family serving agencies.</p> <p>Also, that the CFSP includes the major concerns of these representatives in the annual updates of the CFSP.</p> <p>The state is required to provide qualitative and quantitative data or information showing that in implementing the provisions of the CFSP, the state engages ongoing consultation with the entities listed.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In implementing the provisions of the CFSP, the State engages in ongoing consultation with tribal representatives, consumers, service providers, foster care providers, the juvenile court, and other public and private child and family-serving agencies and includes the major concerns of these representatives in the goals and objectives of the CFSP.</li> <li>2. The agency develops, in consultation with these representatives, annual reports of progress and services delivered pursuant to the CFSP.</li> <li>3. The State's services under the CFSP are coordinated with services or benefits of other Federal or Federally-assisted programs serving the same population.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. DFPS has worked diligently to build and strengthen community relationships and partnerships at all levels and continues to utilize all available community support to provide for the safety, permanency and well-being of Texas children. There are a variety of statewide advisory committees that collaborate on the following issues: youth, disproportionality, adoption of minority children, law enforcement and the judiciary, community collaboration, capacity building and coordination of services.</li> <li>2. Stakeholders are invited to provide input in the development of the annual progress and services report (APSR).</li> <li>3. DFPS determines Title IV-E eligibility for foster care and adoption assistance and then coordinates with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to establish Medicaid eligibility for children in custody. Interagency agreements are in place with the Texas Juvenile Justice Department to determine title IV-E eligibility for children in the juvenile and probation systems. CPS has Memoranda of Understanding to coordinate service delivery with the following entities: Department of State Health Services, Child Advocacy Centers, Juvenile Probation Council, Head Start, Domestic Violence, Texas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, Social Security Administration, Tribal governments, and Early Childhood Intervention.</li> </ol>