



CONTINUUM OF CARE REFORM LIST OF RESOURCES FOR FOSTER FAMILY AGENCIES

Beginning January 1, 2017, a Foster Family Agency (FFA) is any public agency or private organization, organized and operated on a nonprofit basis, engaged in the recruiting, approving, certifying, training of, and providing professional support to foster parents and Resource Families. FFAs coordinate with county placing agencies to find homes for foster children in need of care. FFAs also provide services and support to licensed or certified foster parents, county-approved Resource Families, and children to the extent authorized by the state and federal law.

Beginning January 1, 2017, all FFAs will implement AB 403 requirements:

- The California Department of Social Services will establish new licensing requirement and rate systems.
 - Mandated by California State Statute, the new rate structure introduced by AB 403 envisions a model of FFAs that are prepared and funded to provide core services and support to a child and the caregivers in a foster home setting to seek reunification, adoption or guardianship, or the best option for permanency and well-being as quickly and safely as possible.
- Plan of Operation and Program Statement requirements including core services, accreditation, RFA standards, and shall include supervision, evaluation, and training plan to meet the needs of children/youth.
 - Core Services and supports that are trauma-informed and culturally relevant, including specialty mental health services, must be made available to children, youth, and nonminor dependents either directly or secured through formal agreements with other agencies.
 - At the request of a county, FFAs may provide supports and services to county-approved families, including relatives.
 - All FFAs must be accredited by a national accrediting body identified by the Department.
 - Mental health certification by the State Department of Health Care Services **or** by a county mental health plan **or** provide access to mental health services.
 - Training plan must be consistent with training provided to resource families under resource family approval.
- Collaboration and participation with the Child and Family Team (CFT).
- Meet Resource Family Approval (RFA) standards and requirements.
- Oversight and accountability indicators that lead to publicly available provider performance measures.



List of Resources

In preparation for implementing CCR, it is important to understand all of the basic facts regarding AB 403 and AB 1997. Below are some tools that can assist in obtaining a mutual knowledge baseline. The agency and/or individual(s) reviewing the information should review the following regarding CCR:

1. CCR Website <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/cdssweb/PG4869.htm>
 - a. Interim Licensing Standard Version 1 (8/30/16)
 - b. Overview of Provider Requirements
 - c. CCL/CCR Information Release (IR) – FFA Interim Licensing Standards
 - d. FFA Application and Supporting Documentation Checklist, LIC 281D
 - e. Program Statement Template, CCR LIC 9106
 - f. FFA RFA Implementation Plan
 - g. FFA Core Services Matrix
2. CCR overview via <https://vimeo.com/153010504>
3. AB 403 Bill Text http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB403
4. AB 1997 Bill Text http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB1997
5. ACIN I-50-16, CCR General Information http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/lettersnotices/EntRes/getinfo/acin/2016/I-50_16.pdf
6. ACL identifying the three accreditation agencies <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/lettersnotices/entres/getinfo/acl/2016/16-05.pdf>.
7. RFA Overview via <http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/PG3416.htm>
 - a. RFA Written Directives Version 3.0 Effective 9/30/2016
 - b. RFA Toolkit <http://calswec.berkeley.edu/toolkits/resource-family-approval-rfa>
 - c. Send any questions related to RFA to the RFA inbox at RFA@dss.ca.gov
 - d. Megan's Law Website <http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/>
8. CalSWEC CCR Website <http://calswec.berkeley.edu/continuum-care-reform>
9. Foster Care Rates Information For Group Homes and Foster Family Agencies <http://www.childsworld.ca.gov/pg1343.htm>
10. CalSWEC California Child Welfare Core Practice Model <http://calswec.berkeley.edu/california-child-welfare-core-practice-model-0>
11. Subscribe to the CCR Newsletter by emailing CCR@dss.ca.gov
12. Optional review: Department of Health Care Services, Forms, Laws, & Publications <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Pages/default.aspx>