

**CONTINUUM OF CARE REFORM (CCR) PROGRAM WORKGROUP
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GOAL

All California group homes and foster family agencies will provide a standard set of core services and supports that meet the needs of children, youth and families as determined by an evidence-based assessment of their needs and strengths. Placement into these facilities shall be reserved only for those children and youth assessed as requiring this level of care.

DELIVERABLES

The Continuum of Care (CCR) Program Workgroup will develop written recommendations for revising the current services and programs provided by foster family agencies and group homes serving children, youth and families in California's Child Welfare System. In order to accomplish this, the CCR Program Workgroup will focus on three modules as outlined below.

Services and Supports

- Identify and develop a core set of treatment and non-treatment services and supports, including after-care, in group home facilities and foster family agencies that build on existing best practices and promising initiatives.
- Identify and resolve any barriers to implementation of the core services and supports.
- Develop written recommendations for the core services and supports offered in all California group homes and foster family agencies.

Estimated Date of Completion: March 1st 2013

Assessment and Matching

- Identify and recommend a standardized evidence-based assessment process for determining the child/youth's needs and strengths and determining the appropriate level of placement.
- Support counties in:
 - Identifying children/youth who have been in congregate care for one year or longer;
 - Determining the reasons each child remains in congregate care;
 - Developing a plan with services for each child to move to permanence, or if needed, transition to a less restrictive more family like setting until permanence can be achieved.

Estimated Date of Completion: June 7th 2013

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Quality and Accountability

- Develop, in partnership with the Performance Measures and Outcomes Workgroup, a mechanism to ensure provider quality and accountability through the licensure and rate setting process, including but not limited to, national accreditation, administrator qualifications, staffing levels, education, training, and family and youth satisfaction surveys.
- Develop, in partnership with the Performance Measures and Outcomes Workgroup, provider performance standards and outcome measurements that are aligned with the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR) process and which can be accessed by the public and county agencies.

Estimated Date of Completion: August 23rd 2013

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