

CCR Implementation

- Implementation efforts for CCR will occur in stages between now and 2021 in Child Welfare Services, and in succeeding years in probation foster care.
- Group care will be primarily utilized only for Short-Term Residential Treatment Program (STRTP) that provides intensive treatment interventions. When needed, the STRTP placement option will be available to children and youth requiring highly intensive 24-hour supervision and treatment and will be designed to quickly transition children back to their own or another permanent family.
- Facilities seeking licensure as an STRTP will need to meet higher standards of care, be accredited, and be able to deliver or arrange for a set of core services including the mental health services that children need. A new rate structure is being developed for these programs.
- Foster Family Agencies (FFAs) are re-envisioned to provide various levels of care to meet a broader range of individual child needs. Like STRTPs, FFAs will make available a core set of services that are trauma-informed and culturally relevant, including specialty mental health services. FFAs, at the request of a county, may provide supports and services to county-approved families, including relatives. A new rate structure is being developed to support this change.
- Statewide implementation of the Resource Family Approval (RFA) process will improve selection, training and support of families under a streamlined, family friendly process for approving families (including relatives) seeking to care for a child in foster care, whether on an emergency, temporary or permanent basis. All families will receive training.
- Resources are being provided to counties to support the development and implementation of creative strategies for supporting, retaining and recruiting quality relative and non-relative resource families.
- Services and supports will be tailored to the strengths and needs of a child and delivered to the child/youth in a family-based environment. These services and supports will be informed by an assessment and developed through a Child and Family Team (CFT) process.
- Increases accountability and transparency of FFAs and STRTPs. This approach includes:
 - Accreditation by a national accrediting body
 - Publicly available provider performance measures
 - Consumer satisfaction surveys
 - Interdepartmental oversight framework