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:
  o Accreditation by a national accrediting body
  o Publicly available provider performance measures
  o Consumer satisfaction surveys
  o Interdepartmental oversight framework