

Common Goals: Child Safety, Permanency and Well-Being

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Overview of Presentation

- **Overview of federal requirements**
 - Child and Family Service Plan (CFSP)
 - Child and Family Service Review (CFSR)
- **Minnesota's QA system**
 - Redesign of QA system a PIP strategy
- **Roles for Citizen Review Panels**
 - Planning, monitoring, advocating, improving
- **Another state's process - Wyoming**
- **A county perspective – Washington Co. MN**



Brief History

- **1994 Amendments to SSA**
 - **Child and Family Service Plans (CFSP)** to meet requirements of Title IV-B and IV-E
 - **Child and Family Service Reviews (CFSR)** to ensure substantial conformity with CFSP requirements
 - First CFRS nationally in 2000, **MN in 2001**
- **1997 Adoptions and Safe Families Act**
 - Permanency timelines



CFSP

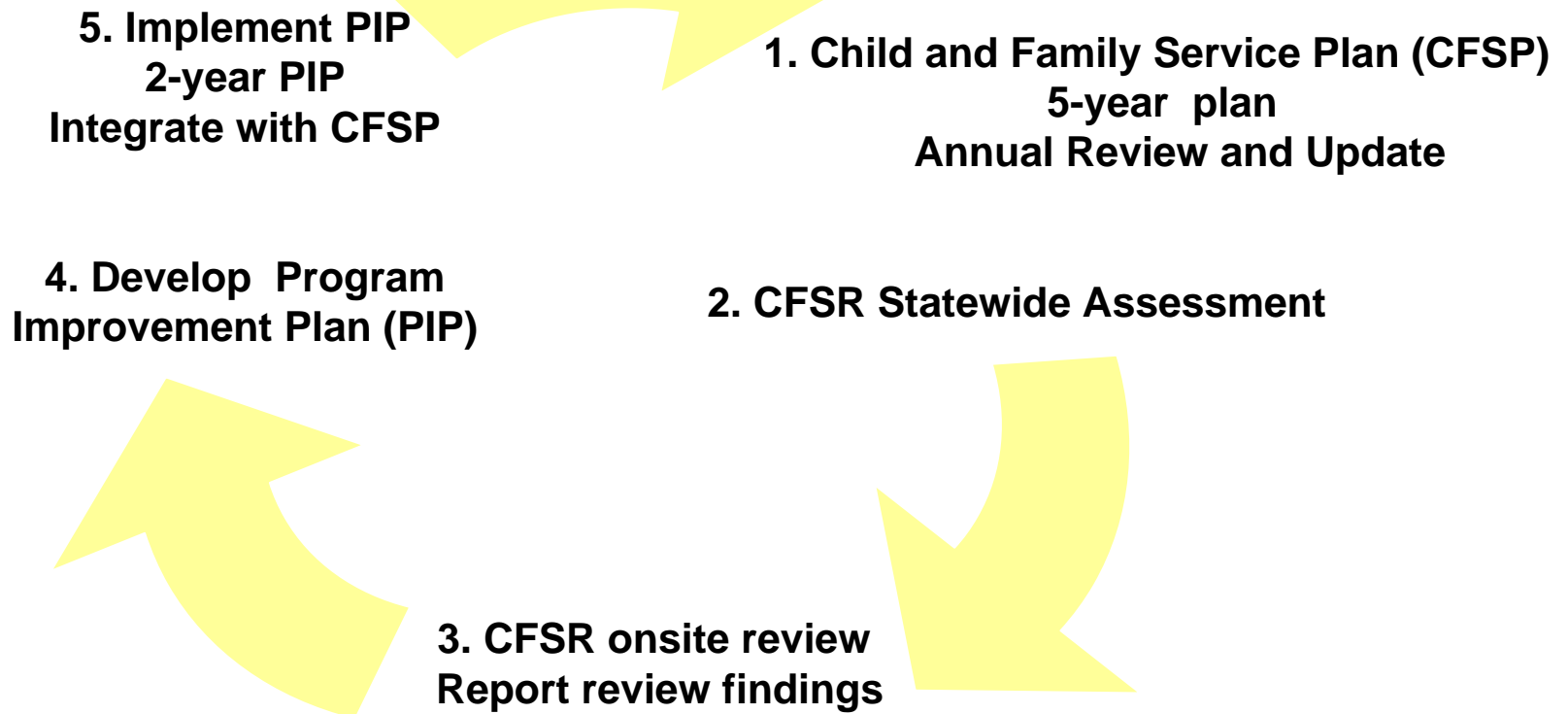
- **CFSPs state's CW plan and priorities**
 - 5 year plan
 - Developed in consultation
 - Meet goals of S, P, and WB
 - Plan for systemic factors
 - Annual progress review

CFSR

- **CFSRs assess the state's performance**
 - Child protective services
 - Foster care
 - Adoption
 - Family preservation
 - Family support
 - Independent living services



CFSP/CFSR Cycle



CFSR Three Stages

- Statewide Assessment
- Onsite Review
- Program Improvement Plan



Statewide Assessment

Systemic Factors

- Information system
- Case review system
- Quality assurance system
- Staff and provider training
- Service array/resource development
- Responsiveness to the community
- Foster/adoptive licensing/recruitment



Onsite Review

- On-site case review
 - 65 cases
 - 40 Foster care cases
 - 25 In-home cases
 - Interviews with persons involved in case
 - 3 sites
 - Case review teams
 - State and federal partners



Safety

Outcome S1: Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect.

- Item 1:** Timelines of initiating assessments
- Item 2:** Repeat maltreatment

Outcome S2: Children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate.

- Item 3:** Services to family to protect child(ren) in home and prevent removal or re-entry into foster care
- Item 4:** Risk assessment and safety management

Permanency

Outcome P1: Children have permanency and stability in their living situations.

- Item 5:** Foster Care re-entries
- Item 6:** Stability of foster care placement
- Item 7:** Permanency goal for child
- Item 8:** Reunification, guardianship, or permanent placement with relatives
- Item 9:** Adoption
- Item 10:** Other planned living arrangement

Outcome P2: The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved for children.

- Item 11:** Proximity of foster care placement
- Item 12:** Placement with siblings
- Item 13:** Visits with parents and siblings in foster care
- Item 14:** Preservation of connections
- Item 15:** Relative placement
- Item 16:** Relationship of child in care with parents

Well-Being

Outcome WB1: Families have enhanced capacity to provide for their children's needs.

- Item 17:** Needs and services of child, parents and foster parents
- Item 18:** Child and family involvement in case planning
- Item 19:** Worker visits with child
- Item 20:** Worker visits with parent(s)

Outcome WB2: Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs.

- Item 21:** Educational needs of the child

Outcome WB3: Children receive adequate services to meet their physical and mental health needs.

- Item 22:** Physical health of the child
- Item 23:** Mental/behavioral health of the child

Onsite Review, Cont.

■ Stakeholder Interviews

- 3 sites and state
- foster parents, judges, county attorneys, agency administration and caseworkers, other community partners

■ Exit Conferences

- 3 sites and state
- preliminary findings from case reviews and stakeholder interviews



Program Improvement Plan

- Plan must address all outcomes, performance items, data indicators and systemic factors needing improvement.
- Developed in consultation with counties and community stakeholders
- Overarching strategies that impact multiple systems and areas of practice
- Action steps and benchmarks
- Evaluate progress



CFSP/CFSR Cycle

- MN's first CFRS in 2001
- Program improvement plan (PIP) successfully completed in fall 2004
 - Redesign QA system a PIP strategy
- CFSP developed for 2005-2009
- CFSP annual report & progress review
- MN's second CFRS in 2007
- Currently developing the PIP



Minnesota QA System

- Process of county QA reviews: MnCF SR
- Child Mortality Review Panel
- Citizen Review Panel
- Informs statewide training system
- Informs development of the CFSP



QA Roles for Citizen Review Panels

- State and Local opportunities
- Participate in the development of the CFSP
 - Annual CRP report and DHS response
- Participate in the statewide assessment
- Participate in the onsite review
- Participate in stakeholder interviews
- Participate in the development of the PIP
- Participate in monitoring PIP progress



QA Roles for Citizen Review Panels

- Additional opportunities
- CP reconsiderations
- Review local performance on meeting educational needs
- Review local performance providing ILS and transitions from foster care
- Administrative review of foster care

