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The purpose of this transmittal is to update PCC staff on the status of Project SAFESPACE. SAFESPACE will revolutionize behavioral health needs of children in out-of-home care through standardized screening and assessment, enhanced evidenced-based practice, and stronger integration of needs and progress into case planning and progress monitoring. In doing so, SAFESPACE will ensure providers and resource parents have greater child specific information within 15 days of placement, that all eligible children will receive a functional assessment building on the current clinical assessment, and that DCBS workers have enhanced understanding of child functioning for the purpose of case planning and decision making. At a system level, data collection around screening and assessment elements will ensure DCBS and providers are better informed about the service needs of Kentucky's out-of-home care population in order to build capacity to serve them effectively.

SAFESPACE is a statewide initiative with a staged implementation timeline. Implementation is currently underway in **Northeastern and Southern Bluegrass DCBS Service Regions**. It is anticipated that Cumberland, Jefferson, The Lakes, Salt River Trail, and Two Rivers will begin implementation in 2016. Eastern Mountain and Northern Bluegrass were selected as comparison regions for purposes of evaluation and therefore will not be added until 2018. Below is an outline of DCBS and provider expectations and supports during initial implementation.

Starting in the summer 2015, PCCs/PCPs with homes in **Northeastern and Southern Bluegrass Service Regions** may expect to receive the following from DCBS staff:

- Completed 886A
- Continued completion of agency intake forms
- Standardized screeners within 15 days of entry



- A copy of the completed CBCL prior to placement for children placed in residential facilities.

Once implementation begins PCCs/PCPs with homes in **Northeastern and Southern Bluegrass** will be charged with ensuring the following:

- Completion of the CBCL within 15 of days for purposes of continuing established base line data with CRP.
- Completion of the KY CANS within 30 days of receiving the screener
- Submission of the KY CANS results and selected evidenced based treatment along with measure for progress monitoring via a secured information portal within 5 days of completion
- PCC/PCPs are to refrain from use of the KY CANS for children in homes outside the pilot regions until notified by DCBS to begin use of the KY CANS with children from other regions. Doing so will ensure fidelity to the program evaluation and enable adjustment of the process based on lessons learned during the pilot.

The following supports will be available to providers to assist with initial implementation:

- Opportunity to provide feedback on assessment areas for the KY CANS
- KY CANS training and certification paid for by the project for a set number of clinicians and trainers per agency for the duration of the project
- Travel reimbursement for training
- Access to a clinical consultant
- Monthly implementation meetings (opportunities to troubleshoot, collaborate, etc.)
- Access to and training on PracticeWise to support treatment selection during the project for a set number of clinicians per agency
- Budget permitting, PCCs/PCPs may receive some seed money to support early implementation efforts. (Details to be provided at a later date).

If you have any questions regarding this transmittal, please contact Christa Bell at Christa.Bell@ky.gov or by telephone at (502) 564-6852.