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Miscellaneous

- A new SOP policy manual is in the works! Stay tuned for additional information as we learn more about a possible release date.

Important Notice

DCBS staff are required to use form versions that are within the SOP manual. Modified versions that are not in the SOP manual are **not permitted**. Some forms are incorporated into the Kentucky Administration Regulation (KAR) and can **only be modified** through amending regulations. Other forms within the SOP manual go through a formal vetting and approval process. Using unapproved versions of these forms can lead to liability issues for the user and can lead to incorrect information being provided/captured. If you have suggestions for modifications to any form currently in the SOP manual, please send those and why the modification is needed to dppsopeditor@ky.gov for consideration.

Field Draft Review (FDR)

SOP 12.15 Ongoing Training
SOP 1.12 On Call Activities
Form—After Hours Call Sheet

See the attached Zip File for FDR items. Please review and submit feedback through your regional point person by **May 23, 2022**. Comments/feedback should be sent to DPPSOPEditor@ky.gov. If you need the name of your point person, please reach out to Julie Cubert or Melanie Daniels via email.

Hashtag Campaign

Family Engagement Hashtag Campaign
[#InvestingInRelationshipsForChange](#)

The [Family Engagement Workgroup](#) presents the 18th installment of information aimed at supporting positive engagement between staff and the individuals we serve: **Placement Preservation**.

- [SOP 4.9 Initial Placement Considerations](#) contains the [Placement Decision Making Matrix](#) and other forms, tip sheets, and policy guidance around placement options to determine the most appropriate and least restrictive placement type. Sharing information regarding the child's needs is important so an informed decision can be made regarding the placement's ability to provide necessary care to the child.
- Adoption Support for Kentucky ([ASK](#)) utilizes innovative training modalities and inclusive support group practices to meet the needs of foster, adoptive, relative, and fictive-kin caregivers throughout the Commonwealth.
- Support groups for adoptive, kinship, and foster families in Kentucky are listed on the [AdoptUSKids](#) support website.
- [The KY Foster and Adoptive Parent Training Support Network \(the Network\)](#) is a statewide organization for foster/adoptive parents. The Network is comprised of 15 regional teams of experienced foster/adoptive parents who work to provide support and training to current foster/adoptive parents and recruit new homes for Kentucky's waiting children.

Post-adoption placement stabilization services (PAPSS) are optional and supportive services offered to adoptive parents on a voluntary basis. Adoptive parents receiving adoption assistance (subsidy) for a DCBS-agency adopted child may request services if the placement is close to disruption. More information on PAPSS is available here [SOP 13.45.3 Post Adoptive Placement Stabilization Services \(PAPSS\)](#).

Placement Preservation



- It is best practice to ensure the first placement is the best placement.
- Document efforts made to ensure the first placement (or any placement), is a “good fit,” such as completing 886 placement packets to link child to appropriate placements.
- Document why moves are necessary, in detail.
- Ensure foster parents receive needed training, respite, and ongoing support.
- CHFS contracts with UK to provide Adoption Support Kentucky (ASK), offering training and peer support to adoptive families, and with Murray State to offer the Kentucky Foster and Adoptive Parent Training Support Network.
- Additional services are provided by regional post-adoption workers to families who are receiving a post-adoption subsidy.
- For more information, visit the Kentucky FACES website.

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