

Deaf Services and DCFS

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Deaf Services Coordinator??

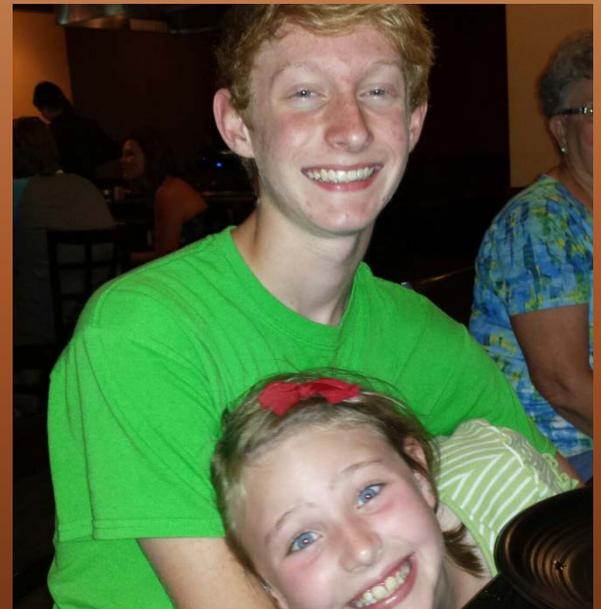
Getting the word out

- Area Administrators
- Attend staff meetings to provide sensitivity training
- ADA and Civil Rights
- Provide education about using licensed interpreters
- Obtain list of current resources

Me and My Services

- Earned a BA Degree in Psychology/Sociology from Illinois College
- 12 hrs of MA degree in HDC from UIS
- 12 hrs interpreting program from MacMurray
- Employed with the state since 1998
- 7yrs with ISD as a dorm parent and educator aide
- 8yrs with DCFS as Clerical, Intact, placement and investigations

- Trained in Forensic Interviewing
- Interpret weekly at church
- Have been married 21 yrs and have two children; Cameron 15 and Ella 10
- I teach and practice yoga as well as spinning



DCFS....

- Child abuse is the mistreatment of a child under the age of 18 by a parent, caretaker, someone living in their home or someone who works with or around children. The mistreatment must cause injury or put the child at risk of physical injury. Child abuse can be physical (such as burns or broken bones), sexual (such as fondling or incest), or emotional. Neglect happens when a parent or responsible caretaker fails to provide adequate supervision, food, clothing, shelter or other basics for a child.

Making a hotline call:

- A child
- A caregiver
- An incident



Indicated or Unfound

- no credible evidence of abuse or neglect exists.
- a report made under this Act if an investigation determines that credible evidence of the alleged abuse or neglect exists.

Does Indicated mean Criminal?

- Not always. There is no criminal action taken as a result of an indicated finding. However, if the abuse or neglect meets the criteria for a criminal act then law enforcement will pursue action on their own behalf.
- DCFS does notify law enforcement when the abuse or neglect reflects criminal activity.
- Many times DCFS receives reports after the police have become involved.

Services after an investigation:

- High risk Intact Services
- Placement cases
- Private agency, intact cases

Case planning for services such as substance abuse treatment, mental health evaluation and treatment, domestic violence education and anger management, parenting instruction and homemaking services

Identified Areas of Concern

- Interviewing without an appropriately licensed interpreter
- Not using an interpreter when providing written materials
- Need for forensic sensitivity training for interpreters
- Cases not tagged as Deaf, Deaf-Blind or HoH

Goals

- Obtain a valid query of the cases held by the Department
- Implement emergency means of interpreting services
- Recruit foster parents who are fluent in sign or are Deaf or Hearing Impaired
- Complete the on line training module
- Monitor the interpreting services provided
- Further discuss parenting instruction for Deaf and Hard of Hearing parents