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Attachments: Kinship Assessment

Procedure

It is the policy of Kids Central Kinship program to conduct an assessment of the family. This assessment must occur with the participation of the family and others whose contribution is appropriate. The process must recognize and respect cultural differences and language barriers and be conducted in a way that is fully appreciative of the strengths and needs of the family.

1. Each kinship family involved in the Kinship program shall have an assessment. In each case.
2. The assessment is derived from a variety of sources may include:
 - a. The initial Family Assessment
 - b. The Comprehensive Behavioral Assessment
 - c. Case plan conferences, mediation, court hearings
 - d. Therapeutic assessments and summaries
 - e. Court reports
 - f. The child health check-up, medical and dental records
 - g. Educational assessments
3. The kinship assessment will be conducted together with the family and will be developed in a way that builds on the family's strength and will be culturally responsive while assessing needs. The kinship assessment will address any concerns identified during the initial screening of the case.
4. The kinship assessment will determine strength of kinship bonds, relationship with family members including biological parents, and the kinship caregiver's ability and commitment to care for the child(ren). It will discuss the ongoing relationship with the biological parents. If applicable, the assessment will address if the child has the opportunity to participate in ethnic, cultural, or religious activities.
5. The kinship assessment will be completed and entered into caseworks within 60 days of case receipt. On an ongoing basis, kinship staff will assess every interaction with the kinship family to ensure the mental health, relationships, and cultural needs are met as well as assessing the environment for child safety and

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well-being. All interaction with the kinship family will be documented in Lauris Online or on FSFN, if appropriate.

6. The kinship assessment will assist in devising the service plan for the kinship family.

Approved By:

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Date