

SPECIALIZED CHILD WELFARE SUBJECT MATTER

Regional Resource Group

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Policy

The Department of Children and Families (DCF) shall have at least one trained Regional Resource Group (RRG) in each Region.

Composition and Role of the RRG

The RRG shall be composed of DCF subject matter experts whose primary focus shall be to assist and support front line social work staff through the case consultation process:

- in the assessment of children and families, taking into consideration their cultural and linguistic needs;
- in the development and implementation of treatment and service planning for children and their families;
- by facilitating access to client services;
- by providing consultation and direct services; and
- by providing administrative functions and staff training.

The RRG shall be an integral part of the Regional Office operations. The RRG shall work in collaboration with the Child Protection Services (CPS) and Foster and Adoptive Services Units (FASU) teams to assess need and to inform the case planning process.

The RRG Supervising Clinician shall report to a Regional Clinical Director under the direction of the Regional Administrator.

Guidance provided by the RRG staff shall supplement and not supplant the judgment of social work staff.

Consultation with SIU

When requested by the Special Investigations Unit (SIU), RRG staff shall provide case consultation for that unit's investigations.

RRG Composition and Areas of Competency

The RRG may be composed of, but not limited to:

- a Clinical Program Director;
- a Supervising Clinician;
- Clinical Social Worker Associates;
- Clinical Nurse Coordinators;
- Advanced Nurse Practitioners/Nurse Consultants;
- Children's Services Consultants;
- Intimate Partner Violence Specialists (IPVS);
- Substance Use Specialists; and
- Education Consultants and Education Specialists.

RRG staff shall maintain licensure and other professional qualifications in accordance with Department of Administrative Services job specifications and may have special experience and training in:

- child, adolescent and adult mental health;
- substance use disorders;
- treatment planning;

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- permanency;
- psychosocial assessment;
- pharmacology and medicine;
- health and medical care;
- child abuse and neglect;
- juvenile justice;
- domestic and intimate partner violence;
- education planning;
- special education; and
- behavior management.

Referrals

A request for consultation with the RRG shall be made as soon as the need has been determined during the supervisory process or through a managerial consultation.

Referrals shall be made by submitting the DCF-2126, "Regional Resource Group Consultation Request," to the Supervising Clinician for assignment to the appropriate member of the RRG or, for nursing consultations, directly to the RRG nurse.
