



Improve Services for Children and Youth with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities in Foster Care

Problem:

There are children and youth with developmental disabilities in the foster care system who could be better served. There are concerns about how the lack of DDA-paid services might disadvantage youth with developmental disabilities while they are in Title IV-E foster care placements and while they are transitioning from a foster care setting to an adult residential setting.

The DD Ombuds gathered information about how other states serve children with developmental disabilities in foster care in its report “Improving Services for Youth with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities in Foster Care.”

Proposal:

1. Direct the DDA and DCYF to utilize information reported in the required November 2021 report to identify gaps in services for these children and report back to the legislature with a plan to improve services for children and youth with developmental disabilities.
2. Require caseload forecasting for youth with intellectual/developmental disabilities existing foster care.

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