

(IV) 1. A CASEWORKER WAS PROMPTLY AND REGULARLY ASSIGNED AND ACCESSIBLE TO THE CASE;

2. THE ASSIGNED CASEWORKER VISITED THE CHILD AT LEAST ONCE PER MONTH; AND

3. A SUPERVISOR HAS BEEN REGULARLY ASSIGNED AND ACCESSIBLE TO THE CASE; ~~AND~~

(V) THE FOSTER PARENT OR KINSHIP CARE PROVIDER IS RECEIVING ALL SERVICES NECESSARY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CHILD, INCLUDING DAY CARE, RESPITE CARE, AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES.

5-1309.

(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH AN ENTITY THAT HAS EXPERTISE IN CHILD WELFARE BEST PRACTICES TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A LOCAL DEPARTMENT SELF-ASSESSMENT PROCESS TO MONITOR THE QUALITY OF:

(1) CHILD WELFARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL DEPARTMENTS; AND

(2) THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

(B) A LOCAL DEPARTMENT SELF-ASSESSMENT SHALL BE CONDUCTED EVERY 3 YEARS.

(C) IN CONDUCTING THE SELF-ASSESSMENT, A LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO:

(1) INCORPORATE THE RESULTS FROM THE OUTCOME MEASURES IN §§ 5-1303 THROUGH 5-1306 OF THIS SUBTITLE; ~~AND~~

(2) INCORPORATE THE RESULTS OF THE QUALITY ASSESSMENT OF CASEWORK SERVICES IN § 5-1308 OF THIS SUBTITLE; ~~AND~~

(3) CONSIDER THE RESULTS OF THE CASE REVIEWS CONDUCTED BY THE CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD FOR CHILDREN.

(D) AFTER A LOCAL DEPARTMENT SELF-ASSESSMENT IS ~~CONDUCTED~~ ACCEPTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, THE LOCAL DEPARTMENTS SHALL DEVELOP A PLAN TO:

(1) MAINTAIN PERFORMANCE THAT MEETS STANDARDS;

(2) STRENGTHEN AREAS NEEDING IMPROVEMENT; AND

(3) DESCRIBE HOW AREAS NEEDING IMPROVEMENT WILL BE ADDRESSED AND HOW IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE MEASURED.

(E) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SELF-ASSESSMENT PROCESS, INCLUDING: