

PARENTS AND THEIR CHILDREN CAN LIVE AND RECEIVE TREATMENT TOGETHER), AND AFTERCARE PROGRAMS SUCH AS TRANSITIONAL HOUSING.

(K) "SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PERSONNEL" MEANS PERSONNEL WHO WORK IN A SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PROGRAM.

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(A) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2000, THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH A BROAD RANGE OF CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONALS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE EXPERTS, JUDGES, ATTORNEYS, MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS, HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS, LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, AND CHILD ADVOCATES, DEVELOP A STATEWIDE PROTOCOL FOR INTEGRATING CHILD WELFARE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT SERVICES THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) REQUIRING CROSS-TRAINING FOR ALL CHILD WELFARE AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT PERSONNEL;
- (2) DEVELOPING AN APPROVED CURRICULUM FOR THE CROSS-TRAINING AND CRITERIA FOR QUALIFIED TRAINERS USING BEST PRACTICES FROM OTHER STATES;
- ~~(3) PROVIDING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES, INCLUDING A BONUS FOR COMPLETION OF THE CROSS TRAINING AND AN INCREASE IN PAY, FOR CHILD WELFARE PERSONNEL TO BECOME QUALIFIED ADDICTIONS SPECIALISTS;~~
- (3) A PLAN FOR PROVIDING FINANCIAL INCENTIVES FOR BOTH CHILD WELFARE PERSONNEL AND ADDICTIONS PERSONNEL WHO ACHIEVE SPECIFIED LEVELS OF EXPERTISE;
- (4) PLACING QUALIFIED ADDICTIONS SPECIALISTS IN ALL CHILD WELFARE OFFICES, BASED ON A CASELOAD FORMULA DEVELOPED BY THE DEPARTMENT;
- (5) IN ALL CASES ACCEPTED FOR CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT INVESTIGATION OR OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT, ASSURING THAT PARENTS ARE SCREENED FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND, WHERE THERE IS ANY REASONABLE SUSPICION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE, ASSURING THAT QUALIFIED ADDICTION SPECIALISTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH THE PARENTS AND CHILDREN;
- ~~(6) REQUIRING THAT SPECIFYING THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A LOCAL DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE IN ITS PETITION FOR A CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE UNDER TITLE 3, SUBTITLE 8 OF THE COURTS ARTICLE A REQUEST THAT THE COURT ORDER COMPREHENSIVE DRUG AND ALCOHOL ASSESSMENT AND TESTING IN ANY CASE IN WHICH THERE IS A REASONABLE SUSPICION OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE;~~
- (7) ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR NOTIFYING THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF THE RESULTS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSESSMENT AND TESTING;