DCF ChildStat- Case Presentation

ChildStat, a process of self-assessment and diagnosis by area offices, was developed and rolled out in Department of Children and Families in September 2010. The purpose of ChildStat is to encourage a culture of learning through the use of a case conferencing model. It is an opportunity to look carefully at practice, policy, and procedure from a systems perspective. It helps identify critical decision making elements as well as steps required to enhance practice with the case presented and help identify themes statewide.

- ChildStat cases are selected by Performance Management & Accountability. The current 2014 case selected focuses on families whose children were reunited with them.
- Case Presentation is focuses on the quality of the practice and services offered to the family. An emphasis is placed on strategies used to attain good practice and highlight the learning opportunities.

Key Practice Elements in ChildStat Presentation includes:

- Through Engagement and Teaming-
  o A synthesis of the family's history with Child Protection and Permanency (CP&P) which includes a family genogram, time line, and the family's story;
  o Strategies used to engage both custodial and non-custodial parent along with family perspective, family strengths, and use of Family Team Meetings;
- Through Assessment and Understanding-
  o Use of collateral information, Preventive and Promotive factors, and the role of supervision;
- Through Planning and Intervention-
  o Long Term View for this family after CP&P involvement including the family's community/informal support;
- Discussion the strengths and challenges of case practice with the family's outcomes including reunification, including use of the Qualitative Review results;
- Use the data analysis to demonstrate to determine what is working and what is not;
- All office have a debrief session afterwards to discuss themes, next steps, and the overall process.

To learn more about the DCF ChildStat visit: *http://nj.gov/dcf/about/divisions/opma/ChildStat.pdf*

Quick Facts

- ✓ **All 46 DCF Local Offices have presented at ChildStat since 2010.**
- ✓ **Over 66 cases have been presented and 22 local offices have proved case updates on previous cases presented.**
- ✓ **June 2014 ChildStat was used as a Continuous Quality Improvement opportunity to enhance the ChildStat process.**