

Pre-Pilot Survey Results

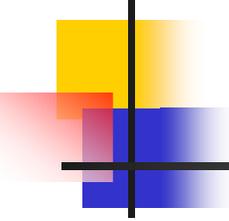




**DHR/CYCC Community Based Foster Care Pilot
Veteran Foster Family Surveys – Summary**

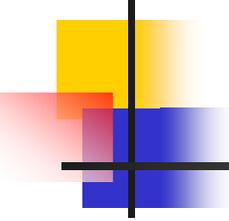
Survey Question	EP-CAT N = 51	Families First N =34	Miriam’s Way N = 51	Metro – Control N=61	AFPAG N=51	South Ga. Control n=20
1. How helpful are the available foster family support services in helping you to foster well?						
a. very helpful & helpful	a. 77%	a. 29%	a. 60%	a. 54%	a. 58%	a. 75%
b Not helpful	b. 6%	b. 15%	b. 4%	b. 23%	b. 6%	b. 5%
c. No assessment/ opinion	c 39%	c. 21%	c. 12%	c. 23%	c. 22%	c. 10%
2. Support services used in the last 12 mos. (most frequent)	Newsletters	Training specifically related to a child/youth in your home.	Respite	Newsletters	Respite	Respite & Newsletters
3. Most important services in helping you foster (most important)	Training specifically related to child/youth in home	Training . . .	Training spec. related to child/youth in home	Info& referral hotlines	Training spec. to child/youth in home	Support groups Info& referral hotlines Training. . . .
4. How do support services used in the past 12mos. Influence decision to continue to foster						
a. Positively (pos)	a. 57 % - pos	a. 47% - pos	a. 77% - pos	a. 54% - pos	a. 65% - pos	a. 70% - pos
b. Negatively (neg)	b. 4% - neg	b. 16% - neg	b. 9 % - neg	b. 12% - neg	b. 2 % - neg	b. 0% - neg
5. Recommended support services (#)*	45	33	22	1	33	0
6. Additional comments (#)*	0	0	0	10	0	0

* See surveys for complete list of recommended support services and additional comments.



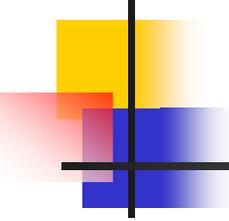
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- Foster Parents need a service in place to provide daycare services to newborns because daycare only take children at six weeks or older.
- Services to get free clothes, bassinets, toys, and other equipment.
- Reduce the financial strain, children need more money for furniture, infant equipment, clothes, daycare assistance, more services to fill the gaps where foster parents have to be their own case manager.
- Unaware of babysitting services; but, they are needed.
- Need a system dedicated to respite placement because it's hard to find placements, more assistance for parents fostering special needs children, and help with locating clothes, furniture, etc. for the children.
- Services that provide more assistance with caring for children to take away some of the stress (i.e. assistance with diapers, and enrolling in the Food Assistance Program).



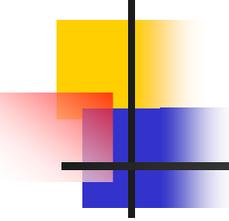
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- Tutoring
- After School Programs for teenagers with special needs
- Fostering trans-culturally
- Help with transportation.
- Respite for adopted children.
- More counseling for parents, more mentors, more training.
- Funds/Donations for activities , outside activities, trips, events, outings. Better Pay/Support groups for aggressive children.
- Interacting with parents with negative attitudes.
- Childcare for children under 6 weeks of age.



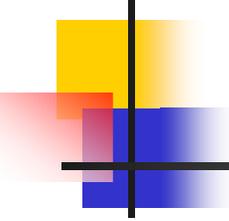
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- Mentors
- Anger management
- Transportation
- Time- when will foster child leave home.
- Received letter from DFACS stating that he would be a mentor and rec'd funds to be a mentor but it did not happen... WHY??
- Activities for foster children to keep child active, also need emergency travel for children.
- More activity for foster children...weekend needs for children.
- Parents that have their own kids have to explain to them why foster children are there and why in home.
- Respite for adoptive parents.
- Receiving Per-Diem on time.



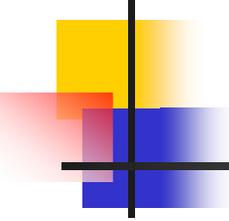
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- Mentoring for foster parents with other foster parents.
- More child advocacy workshops for caregivers.
- Food bank
- More local workshops with public and mental health
- Agency reps that responds quickly to needs of foster parents
- Peer mentors
- Immediate case manager response to new foster parents
- Community based support groups
- More workshops on dealing with mental behaviors.
- Case managers email addresses.



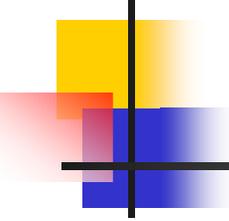
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- Community based resource directory.
- Peer mentor with veteran foster parent
- Birth parent support/family night activities.
- More networking with other foster parents.
- More training workshops in local areas.
- Birth Parent/foster parent support groups.
- Local based Jekyll Island trainings.
- Separation tools and supports.
- Educational advocacy for children in care.



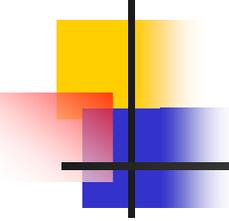
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- Educational advocacy for children in care.
- More resources/supports for kinship care.
- Community resource directory.
- More than one annual outing like Jekyll Island but in the Metro Atlanta Area.
- Food Bank
- More frequent parenting workshops
- DFACS connection more frequent
- Impact training, local workshops, and weekend gatherings.
- Time with birth parents to encourage the reunification plans.
- Social and recreational outings on a monthly basis; mentors and tutors for children.
- More training related to children that come into the home who may be sexual active.



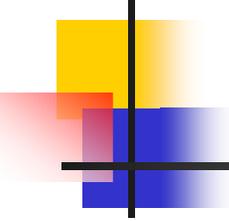
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- Quarterly workshops
- Training and Acknowledgement of foster parents.
- Ready resources like milk, diapers, etc.
- Better respite system
- Be able to access DFACS staff
- More county wide workshops
- Community based newsletter
- Better Assessment before placement
- (IMPACT) offered to foster parents
- Calendar of events/activities.
- Community based calendar of workshops/events.



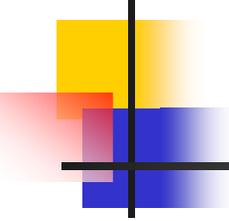
Please Identify One Foster Family Support Service Not Currently Offered That You Recommend Being Considered- Open Ended: U-control

- Information and Referral
- Timely Reimbursement
- Dependable transportation
- Advocates for foster parents
- Better medical care.
- Daycare assistance



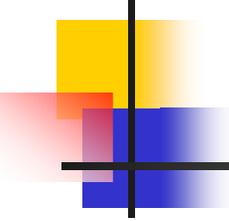
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- More specialized training.
- Foster Parent Association.
- More respite time
- Case workers need to have some experience fostering.
- Need to be able to home school children.
- School services
- More contact with DFCS staff
- More transportation services for children appointments.
- Need for organized foster parent group.
- Educational help like tutoring services.



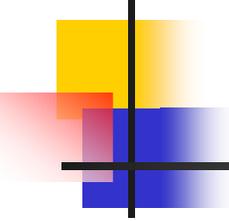
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- More DFCS support when a foster parent is accused of something by a foster child.
- Increased per-diem
- Foster parents need all the services they can get.
- Training for foster parents who cannot come on Saturdays and weekends.
- More day care referrals and help with transportation.
- More training on educational needs for foster children.
- More communication with DFCS office personnel.
- Day care weekends.
- More social interactions needed between foster parents for the purpose of identifying other foster parents for respite and babysitting.



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- Communication and support of foster children from DFCS...to many foster children are crowded into foster homes making the numbers per family too great.
- Counseling services for foster children and services to help foster children adjust to new foster homes... such as bedtime rituals, rules, and what is expected in the foster home environment.
- More financial support so foster parents can provide transportation for children's appointments.
- Training from seasoned foster parents.
- Big Brother and Sister program.
- Babysitting Service list.
- Referral services for daycare.
- Tutoring and educational support



Please Identify One Foster Family Support Service
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Considered- Open Ended:R-control

- Educational Advocates
- Foster parent have concerns of not having the opportunity to get foster children on a consistent basis.