Placement Stability Worksheet

This worksheet can be used to review placement stability practices. It is designed to review overall strengths and challenges at your agency in implementing placement stability and identify training needs.

ADMINISTRATIVE: POLICY/PRACTICES

Does your agency have written policies and/or practices that promote placement stability in the following areas? Check all that apply

__Sibling placement and visiting
__Family engagement in placement decision making and case planning
__Agency staffing when a placement move is considered
__Parent/child visitation
__Practices to strengthen connections between parents and foster parents
__Maintaining connections (other than parents/siblings)
__Caseworker visits with children, caregivers and birth parents
__Ongoing assessment and support for caregivers

If yes, in what ways has staff been informed of these policies and/or practices?
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To what extent has administration placed a clear priority on achieving placement stability for all children and youth in foster care?
__Very clear priority
__Clear priority
__Unclear priority
__Not a priority

DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

How does the agency track the number of moves that children and youth make throughout their stays in care?

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What counts as a "move" in your data tracking system?

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How does the agency use information about the number of placement moves that children and youth experience? (e.g., to inform agency practices; for individual cases)

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What information helps the agency assess whether your agency is improving placement stability as a means of achieving timely permanence?

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Do you formally document reasons that placement ends?

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Does your data tracking system make a clear distinction between entering and exiting a placement versus entering or exiting care?

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CORE COMPONENT ONE: INDIVIDUALIZED ASSESSMENT AND PLACEMENT SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Individualized Child and Youth Assessment Instruments

What types of individualized assessments does the agency use in order to make placement decisions?

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What types of information are collected and documented for these assessments?
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How is this information used in making the initial placement decisions?
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Is this assessment used over time in assessing placement stability?
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Therapeutic Interventions with Children and Youth

What types of therapeutic interventions with children and youth does the agency use in order to promote placement stability? (agency developed intervention, etc.)
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How have these therapeutic interventions been useful in promoting placement stability?
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Wraparound and Case Management Services

Does your agency provide wraparound services to support children, youth, and families? __ Yes __No

If yes, how has the use of this service supported your placement stability interventions?
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What other types of case management service do you provide?

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Verification of Completion	
Participants Signature:	Date:
Supervisor's Signature:	Date: