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#### **UPDATES TO THE CFT MEETING AND PLANNING NOTES (DCFS 6074)**

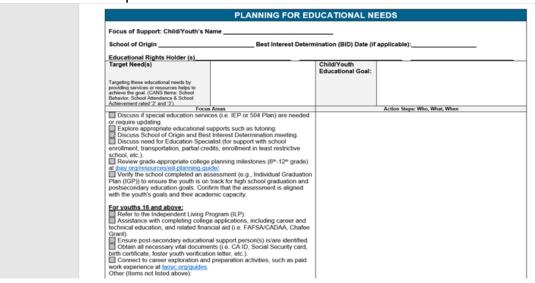
This FYI is to inform staff that updates have been made to the CFT Meeting and Planning Notes (DCFS 6074) form in the following two sections:

#### **Planning for Educational Needs:**

Per <u>ACIN 1-71-18</u>, social workers are encouraged to utilize the Child & Family Team (CFT) meetings to provide an opportunity for foster youth to explore the possibility of postsecondary education as a goal, create an education plan, assign who will support the foster youth with achieving tasks outlined in the plan and identify supports/services needed.

The updated CFT Meeting and Planning Notes (DCFS 6074) form provides space for the social worker to document the following:

- Child/youth's School of Origin
- Child/youth's Educational Goal
- Child/youth's Educational Need
- Educational Rights Holder
- Educational Focus Areas which include but are not limited to exploring educational supports, discussing special education services, reviewing college planning milestones, and identifying post-secondary educational support person(s)
- Action steps to address the Educational Needs



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#### **Child and Adolescent Strengths and Needs Assessment**

In accordance with <u>ACL 18-09</u> and DCFS policy #<u>0070-548.26-Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) Assessment</u>, the CANS assessment should be informed by CFT members, and used and completed through the CFT process. The CANS assessment helps the CFT prioritize actions regarding identified needs and strengths using team-based decision-making.

The updated CFT Meeting and Planning Notes (DCFS 6074) form provides space for the social worker to document:

• Functional and useful strengths- CANS Strengths rated '0' and '1'

STRENGTHS Functional and useful strengths (CANS Strengths rated '0' and '1') as well as strengths to build (CANS Strengths rated '2' and '3') that can support achieving the goal.					
Children/Youth	Family/Caregivers				

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 Target needs where supports are beneficial and will be addressed in the plan- CANS Needs rated '2' and '3'

NEEDS Areas where supports are beneficial and will be addressed in the plan (CANS Needs	rated '2' and '3'). These needs will be linked to the goal and are the target needs for planning
Children/Youth	Family/Caregivers
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The CANS Needs that are associated with the goals identified by the family

FAMILY GOAL Developed with Team Consensus	CANS ITEMS From Needs (above); associated with the Family Goal

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The updated CFT Meeting and Planning Notes (DCFS 6074) form can be found at the following links in English and Spanish or in the LAKids DCFS forms section:

<u>DCFS 6074 - CFT Meeting and Planning Notes</u> <u>DCFS 6074S - CFT Meeting and Planning Notes - Spanish</u>

For any questions, CPM Countywide Coaches and Regional Coach Developers are available to provide additional coaching support.

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