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## **SHORT-TERM RESIDENTIAL THERAPEUTIC PROGRAM (STRTP) CENTRALIZATION**

This FYI is intended to inform staff of the STRTP centralization process that will be taking effect May 15, 2024. Currently, STRTP centralization is being practiced in the Vermont Corridor, Metro North, Lancaster, Pasadena, South County, Glendora and Palmdale Regional Offices.

The centralization of the STRTP search process will bring numerous benefits to the Department and the families that are serviced each day, on different levels. Regional staff will no longer have to spend valuable time searching for STRTP placements, thereby allowing them to focus their efforts on other important tasks to serve families on their caseload. The Placement Support Division (PSD), formerly known as the Accelerated Placement Team (APT), will use their existing relationships with the STRTP providers, along with their special expertise and resources available to them, to process the most complex placements. Additionally, placement support managers will be able to collect and analyze data to quickly identify areas of concern, and engage in ongoing discussions with providers to ensure favorable outcomes for families being served by the Department.

### **Procedure:**

#### Regional CSW Responsibilities

1. Once it has been decided that a youth requires an STRTP placement, submit an STRTP placement search request along with all necessary signed documentation to the [EXD-DCFS\\_APT](#) inbox.
  - a. For preventive and emergency placements (Transitional Shelter Care Facilities-TSCFs), the STRTP placement search request consists of the following: [DCFS 6017](#), [DCFS 709](#) and [DCFS 280](#) (printed pdf version from FCSS) forms are needed.
2. If the youth is **not** at the TSCF, once an STRTP Placement is identified, complete the following:
  - a. Submit a placement packet request as indicated in: [0100-510.61, Placement Responsibilities](#) and [0070-548.20, Taking Children into Temporary Custody](#).
  - b. Once the placement packet is received, transport the youth to placement.

Note: Do not complete 2(a-b) above if the child is at the TSCF. Refer to the [STRTP Placement Process Flowchart](#).

#### PSD SCSW Responsibilities

1. Upon receipt, review the STRTP placement search referral.
2. Assign the STRTP placement search to a PSD CSW.

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## PSD CSW Responsibilities

1. Review the assigned STRTP placement search request.
2. Consult with the regional CSW to discuss case details.
  - a. The discussion is to include a review of the 709, barriers to placement, behaviors, triggers, and strengths of the client.
3. Obtain vital information needed for the placement search and begin the search.
4. Once an STRTP placement is identified, consult with the regional CSW and/or SCSW to determine that the placement meets the youth's needs.
5. Once **All** parties agree to placement, secure the placement.

## Regional TA/EW Responsibilities

1. Input the STRTP placement on CWS/CMS.
2. Complete the SOC 158 and FC2 once the youth is transported to placement.

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