DCFS Performance Audit (Report 2011-02))

Chapter/ Item #	Item Completed	Date Completed
Ch 3, # 1	DCFS Determine strategies to provide lower cost alternatives to residential care by developing additional structured foster care homes	July 2012
Ch. 3, # 2	Review Foster Care Foundation Contract	April 2012
Ch. 3, # 3	Ensure Division is completing Permanency Utilization Reviews	January 2012
Ch 3, # 4	Division needs to Strengthen controls over contracts	September 2011
Ch 3, # 5	Consider using "Levers of Change" Document to reduce use of expensive residential care	January 2012
Ch 4, # 1	Centralize Intake Process	July 2011
Ch 4, #2	Review Definitions of abuse and neglect in Admin. Rule to ensure they are consistent with statute	May 2012
Ch 5, #1	Recommend that DCFS make Courtesy worker visits the standard for clients in inter-region placements rather than the exception	December 2011
Ch 5, #2	Implement technologies such as transcription services and portable laptops to enhance caseworker mobility	December 2011
Ch 5, # 3	DCFS work with the Division of Facilities Construction and Management to reevaluate space standards for future building needs.	September 2011
Ch 6, #2	Utilize more recent average cost data when requesting additional funding for adoption subsidy program from Legislature	December 2011
Ch 6, #3	Report annually to the Legislature on historical trends in the percent of adoptions that are disrupted, and whether the cause of those disruptions was insufficient subsidy assistance	December 2011

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Chapter/Item #	Item Not Completed, In Process	Estimated Date of Completion
Ch 2, # 1	DCFS select an In-Home Services Model, train staff, and provide in home services to families whose children are at risk of being removed from their home	December 2012
Ch 2, # 2	DCFS require all regions to implement the model and monitor regional use	December 2012 (and ongoing)
Ch 3, # 6	DCFS reconsider its decision to not use guardianship subsidies allowed by Fostering Connections Act of 2008	July 2012
Ch 5, # 4	DCFS or the LAG's office perform an in-depth review of staffing practices among regions	January 2013
Ch 5, # 5	DCFS modify the way it calculates average caseloads and ensure new assumptions reflect actual caseworker experiences.	January 2013
Ch 6, # 1	DCFS strengthen adoption subsidy policies to more specifically designate which special needs and circumstances should receive specific monthly adoption subsidy amounts	September 2012
Ch 6, # 4	DCFS equalize adoption assistance funding among its five regions according to performance metrics that support its adoption program objectives.	September 2012

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