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THIS ISSUE:

- Permanency.
- Examine CFOP.
- CCWIS!
- Nominations!

LET'S TALK ABOUT PERMANENCY

Promoting Permanency for Children and Families
Permanency is one of the three core pillars of child welfare, alongside safety and well-being. It provides children with stability, consistency, and a sense of belonging, elements that are critical to healthy development. Unfortunately, permanency can sometimes be delayed due to factors such as case management challenges, limited parental engagement, or broader systemic barriers.

Policy requires that permanency be achieved within 12 months. When it becomes clear that a case goal cannot be met within this timeframe, it is essential to reassess and, when necessary, pursue a timely goal change. Doing so helps reduce delays and prevents unnecessary disruptions in a child's life. Alternative permanency options, such as permanent guardianship, independent living, or adoption, should be thoughtfully explored to ensure decisions are made in the best interest of the child. (Continued on Page 3)



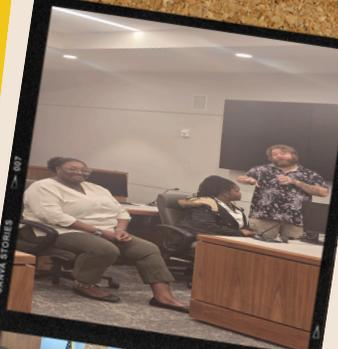
TRAINING NEWSLETTER

WINTER EDITION

The first Academy class was successfully launched in Circuit one

Welcome to simulation training! Over the next 4 days, you'll be immersed in a comprehensive experience that will allow you to practice engaging with families, facilitating collaborative conversations, and articulating your decision-making in a safe environment. We'll be using critical thinking, motivational interviewing, situational awareness, and other relevant skills we've learned so far to work through realistic, hands-on scenarios that replicate the challenges and complexities of the child welfare system.

Academy is coming to Circuit 2 and 14 in February 2026!



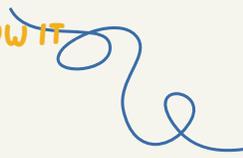
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MAHATMA GANDHI ONCE SAID "THE TRUE MEASURE OF ANY SOCIETY CAN BE FOUND IN HOW IT TREATS ITS MOST VULNERABLE MEMBERS".



CFOP CORNER

CFOP CORNER 170-9

- 2-2 A (1). Understanding the family dynamics and what conditions must change to achieve lasting child safety and permanency.
- 4-5. Establish Permanency Goal for Child: All case plans established for unsafe children, whether or not they are court supervised, will include the Department's permanency and placement goal(s) for the child(ren). The case manager should explain to the parent(s)/legal guardian(s), as well as any substitute caregiver(s) involved, the goals for the child that the Department has identified. Case plan goal options are as follows:
 - a. "Maintain and strengthen" means to maintain the child with parent and strengthen the parent's ability to fulfill their responsibilities.
 - (1) If a child has not been removed from a parent, even if adjudication of dependency is withheld, the court may leave the child in the current placement with maintaining and strengthening the placement as a permanency option.
 - (2) If a child has been removed from a parent and is placed with the parent from whom the child was not removed, the court may leave the child in the placement with the parent from whom the child was not removed with maintaining and strengthening the placement as a permanency option.
 - (3) If a child has been removed from a parent and is subsequently reunified with that parent, the court may leave the child with that parent with maintaining and strengthening the placement as a permanency option.
 - b. "Reunification" means the court has reviewed the Conditions for Return and determined the circumstances that caused the out-of-home placement and issues subsequently identified have been remedied to the extent that the return of the child to the home with an in-home safety plan prepared or approved by the Department will not be detrimental to the child's safety, well-being, and physical, mental and emotional health.
 - c. "Adoption" means that a petition for termination of parental rights has been or will be filed.
 - d. "Permanent guardianship" of a dependent child under s. 39.6221, F.S.
 - e. Placement in another planned permanent living arrangement under s. 39.6241, F.S., under certain limited circumstances for children age 16 years and older.
 - f. Transition from licensed care to independent living for a young adult who satisfies the conditions outlined in s. 39.6251, F.S.

PERMANENCY CONTINUED

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How can we work together to promote permanency for children and families in the least intrusive way possible? By keeping permanency at the forefront of our practice, we can better support children in achieving safe, stable, and lasting connections.



"Every child deserves a champion — an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best they can possibly be." – Rita F. Pierson



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Your FL CCWIS monthly check-in!



If you have any questions or comments, please visit the [FL CCWIS Connect Website](#) or email us at

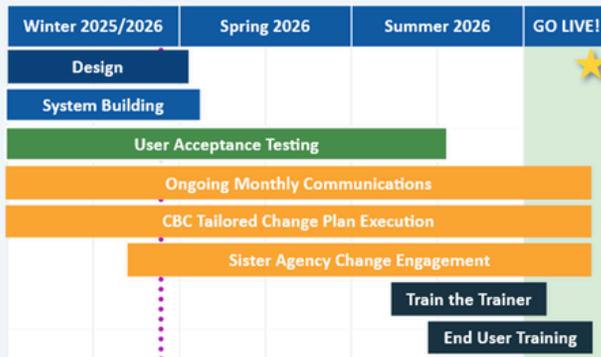
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TO:
Our Child Welfare Professionals
FROM:
FL CCWIS Project Team

Welcome to the January edition of the FL CCWIS Postcard! With the start of 2026, we are excited to look ahead at what this year has in store.

REMAINING PROJECT TIMELINE

We are here!



As **Functional Design** and **System Build** come to an end, our Project Team will focus on continuing to *test the system* and *increase end user readiness*.

Our **CBC Change Network** is hard at work executing their tailored Change Plans to prepare their organizations for go live.

The **Training Team** will be made up of the Super User Network, trainers, and the DCF Training Leads, and is currently working to onboard Super Users within each CBC.

Are you looking for more updates, timelines, and involvement opportunities for the FL CCWIS project? Make sure to attend the **February Stakeholder Session** on 2/19 from 1-3pm EST. Don't have the invitation? Reach out to our [Project Inquiry Box](#) and we will send the invite right over!

Best, FL CCWIS Project Team

What is the BUZZZ?



CCWIS is expected to roll out in September!





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NWF Health Network



NOMINATE A CHILD WELFARE PROFESSIONAL!

We want to highlight YOU in the next newsletter! Tell us about yourself or your co-workers who are demonstrating best case practice with the families and children we serve. Tell us about engagement! Tell us about planning! Tell us about transitions! We want to hear about it!

Have a training need?
[Request a training](#)



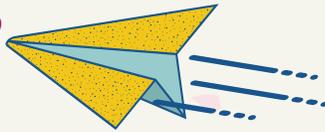
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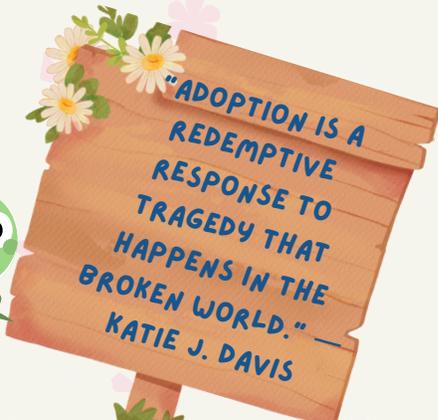
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