

CWAC: Permanency Committee: Scope of Committee Focus

Adoption:

- barriers to completion
- recruitment of families
- post-adoption services & supports/adoption assistance
- addressing disrupted adoptions

Health Care:

- ensuring access & adequacy of care (including access to “Medicaid-to-26” for youth aging out of care)
- improving health outcomes (includes use of psychotropics & trauma-informed care)
- monitoring of managed care
- medical evaluations within 30 days of entering care

Transitions out of care:

- Youth going back to parents
- Youth moving to relative custody
- Youth transitioning to adoptive family
- Youth moving to independence via emancipation or “age out”
 - IL (including “Fostering Futures” if that moves forward)
 - “Medicaid to 26” access & use (overlaps w/health care focus)
 - Housing planning
- Youth who were in FC transitioning out of DJJ
 - <18 year olds moving back into foster care
 - >18 year olds moving into independence

Implementation of HR 4980 components

- “normalcy”/”prudent parent” policy
- Youth case planning & transition planning
- Vital documents & credit checks (should include health care info)

Continued monitoring of K-12 education + foster care

- Monitoring DOE/DSS shared data for educational progress of youth in care

Family & Youth Engagement, the “practice” of Permanency

- Fidelity to the Children’s Services Practice Model
- Integration of Youth Participation
 - Participation in CWAC/Reports to CWAC by members of VDSS Youth Advisory Group
 - Youth evaluations of programs
- Family participation
 - Biological family
 - Foster and/or adoptive family

Family Connection Grants/support of relative placements

- Supports to relatives as both formal & informal placements