



Supporting Youth in Foster Care:

Creating a Support Network for Youth to Thrive

The More You Know...



- Initial Intake Process
 - Intake Packet
 - Include information on everything you may potentially need for a future placement youth.
 - Critical Documents
 - Obtain copies of Social Security Cards, Birth Certificates, etc. This will save time in the future.
 - Family Finding
 - Do a family finding right from the get-go to find out what options are available from the jump.

When to start placement considerations:

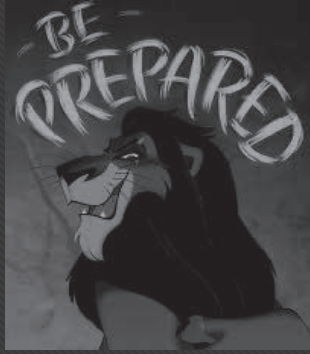
- **As soon as it is even being entertained placement maybe an option.**
- **Staff with internal placement team.**
 - Discuss options for youth with a team of individuals and if placement in any form may be viable.
 - For Shasta County this is often the first time an officer feels the youth may not be able to succeed at a lower level of care.
 - It also can be prompted by the first time it is brought up in court.
- **Don't wait until the court gives placement orders.**
 - By starting the process early and gathering all documents needed for foster care or the Qualified Individual process, the youth can be supported better by getting them through the process quicker rather than having them sit around and wait for placement to happen eventually.

Choosing an STRTP

- Choose an STRTP based on what will best suit the youth's needs, not whoever will take them.
- Provide as much information as you can upfront, so the STRTP knows what to expect.
- Be mindful of location/school setting/availability of appropriate programming.



As one of the greatest Disney Villains of all time put it,



But what exactly does that look like?

Concurrent Planning

Always have a plan A, B, and C.

- Transition planning begins as soon as placement is being considered.
- Transition plan should be a topic of discussion at every home visit and every CFT.
- The youth should know what to expect and should have time to prepare.

Effective Home Visits



Placement



Educational/Developmental



Visitation/Family Finding and Engagement



Social



Emotional



Mental Health



Medical



Dental



Court Case Status



Other Objectives

Transition

- Safety Plans
- Titrating furloughs/home passes
- Parental support and preparation
- Wraparound services

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Thank You!

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We will take questions at the end of the session.