1. Know the continuum of care, from least to most restrictive placement.

   Out of home care, from least to most restrictive:
   a. Relative/kinship care
   b. Traditional foster care
   c. Therapeutic foster care – least restrictive when a child requires a more restrictive placement but does not meet criteria for psychiatric or medical necessity care – children ages 3-18 who accept and respond to a family like setting with 24-hour crisis response
   d. Group Homes/Residential placements (in order of least to most)
      i. Level B (only level not providing 24 hour awake supervision or on-site education – child must be able to attend public school)
      ii. Level C
      iii. Level D
      iv. Level D+
      v. Level E – highest level, ages 13-17 requiring intensive treatment for disorders or behavior often accompanied by physical and/or sexual aggression
   e. Inpatient treatment

2. Is residential D & E (diagnostic and evaluation) considered a long term placement?

   No, it is temporary for purposes of evaluation.

3. Review services provided at Intensive Treatment Services (ITS) stabilization units.

   ITS provides crisis stabilization and other services for custody youth, including a substance abuse evaluation.

4. Know services and level of supervision provided by group homes Level B, C, D, D+ and E.

   See answer to question #1
5. Example service question about group homes: which level would best serve adolescents who require treatment for emotional disorders or behavioral problems accompanied by physical and/or sexual aggression?

   Level E

6. Which group home level is equivalent to foster care?

   Level B

7. Know (and be able to apply) procedure for placing a child in Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC).

   If the worker determines a child’s behavior may indicate a need for TFC placement, the first step is to consult with their supervisor. If the supervisor agrees about the need for TFC placement, the worker next contacts the Oklahoma Health Care Authority with accurate and complete child information.

8. Review child welfare responsibilities when placing a child in TFC, including how much of a prescribed medication the worker must supply at the time of placement.

   The child welfare worker ensures the child has a 30 day supply of any prescribed medications prior to transporting the child to TFC placement.

9. Once a child is placed in TFC, what is the time frame for finalizing their treatment plan?

   60 days

10. Review responsibilities of the child welfare worker in collaborating with TFC agencies after placement has been made.

    The child welfare worker partners by locating school records, ensuring family visitation and informing the TFC agency of any changes in the TFC home (including a new adult coming to live in the home).


    The TFC agency provides therapeutic and supportive services, including respite care for a child in a TFC home.

12. Review policy and procedures for when homes can be jointly approved for TFC and regular foster care children.

    Most commonly TFC homes can be jointly approved when siblings need placement together.
13. Review Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) criteria and application process, including age, IQ, etc.

Children age 3 years of age and over with a diagnosis of Intellectual Disability qualify. The initial step in applying for services is to staff the child’s needs with the child welfare supervisor. Upon receipt of the application, the DDS case manager completes the Child Needs Assessment.

14. Review child welfare responsibilities for children receiving DDS services, including applying for other services such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

Once the child welfare worker has learned a child is eligible for DDS services, their first step insure the child has been certified for SSI.

15. What is the only type of placement where DDS services cannot be provided?

Inpatient care

16. Review time frame for when a child who is being referred for DDS must have a physical examination completed.

A physical examination must be completed within 90 days.

17. Review time frame for most recent psychological evaluation prior to submitting application for DDS.

A psychological evaluation must accompany the application and have been completed within the last 12 months.

18. For a child receiving DDS who is in need of a higher level of care, what is the first step in the process for the child welfare worker?

The worker completes the Grand Staffing form 04MP035E