

FCSOC “Principle of the Month” Kick-off

Today, Gov. Kathleen Sebelius signed a Governors Proclamation declaring November Family Centered Systems of Care Month.

SRS began a statewide initiative in the fall of 2001, with the goal of moving toward a more family centered philosophy of practice. When the agency received a federal demonstration grant in the fall of 2003, that enabled us to intensify implementation efforts. Since then several strategic activities have been implemented to infuse the principles of family centered systems of care into our daily culture.

Specifically, a family centered systems of care is a coordinated network of agencies and providers that make a full range of supports and services available as needed by children and their families. The values and principles of systems of care are: Interagency collaboration, individualized strength-based care, cultural competence, youth & family involvement, community-based services and accountability.

Over the course of the next six month, you will receive an e-bulletin that will highlight each of these principles in more depth. I hope that you will carefully read each of them and consider ways that you are already incorporating them into you daily work with families. As an agency we need to identify additional ways to infuse the principles in how we relate to our customers. This is not just a Children & Family Services initiative. This is an agency wide culture shift.

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