
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CHILD WELFARE SERVICES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that foster children and
2 children at risk of abuse or neglect require a comprehensive,
3 protective, and organized child welfare system. Currently,
4 these children are independently monitored by the department of
5 education, the department of health, the department of human
6 services, the office of youth services, and the family court
7 branch of the judiciary. The legislature recognizes the
8 importance of presenting each child and family with a
9 structured, supportive, and goal-oriented program to achieve
10 operative stability.

11 The legislature further finds that the aforementioned
12 agencies have come together to develop a wraparound services
13 program that allows for interagency communications when related
14 to the provision of child welfare services. The wraparound
15 services program allows for a more inventive use of resources,
16 an increase in available funds to programs, and the development
17 and implementation of an interagency communications system. The
18 coordination between the agencies seeks to provide a centralized



1 source of information that enhances child safety, increases
2 government efficiency, and reduces welfare fraud.

3 The purpose of this Act is to implement the wraparound
4 services program and to appropriate funds for that purpose.

5 SECTION 2. (a) There is established a wraparound services
6 program. The program shall be managed by a council of
7 representatives from each of the following agencies: the
8 department of education, the department of health, the
9 department of human services, the office of youth services, and
10 the family court branch of the judiciary. The multiagency
11 collaboration shall be henceforth referred to as the "Wrap
12 Coordinating Council". The program shall provide services to
13 all children enrolled in at least two of the partner agencies
14 represented in the Wrap Coordinating Council.

15 (b) A representative from each agency shall serve on the
16 board of directors for the wraparound services program. The
17 Wrap Coordinating Council shall also appoint a chief executive
18 officer within fifteen days of receiving the funds requested for
19 fiscal years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

20 (c) The wraparound services program shall achieve the core
21 principles and best practice standards set forth in its mission



1 statement. The wraparound services program model shall focus
2 on:

- 3 (1) Culturally competent and individualized program
4 planning;
- 5 (2) Collaboration with peers and certain community members
6 to engage in team based goals and efforts;
- 7 (3) Inspiring persistence and self-confidence; and
- 8 (4) Fostering an appreciation for familial dynamics and
9 motivating participation in activities through which
10 the child's personal strengths have been proven to
11 exceed the norm.

12 SECTION 3. Beginning no later than January 1, 2014, a
13 representative of the Wrap Coordinating Council shall present to
14 the legislature an update of the progress made toward
15 implementing the wraparound services program. The presentation
16 shall also provide copies of the plan used to develop the
17 integrated system of care that addresses:

- 18 (1) Inadequate access to mental health care;
- 19 (2) Lack of social and supportive services;
- 20 (3) Abuse and neglect in the foster care system;
- 21 (3) Juvenile crime and recidivism;
- 22 (4) Deficits in educational achievement; and



1 (5) Child welfare policy reform.

2 SECTION 4. The Wrap Coordinating Council, or its
3 designated representative, shall report to the legislature no
4 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2014
5 regular session on the implementation status of the wraparound
6 services program, and provide recommendations, including any
7 recommendations for legislation and funds necessary to advance
8 the wraparound services program.

9 SECTION 5. For the purposes of this Act, the Wrap
10 Coordinating Council may solicit and accept grants and donations
11 from public and private sources, including maximizing the use of
12 federal grants and matching funds.

13 SECTION 6. The Wrap Coordinating Council shall establish
14 and administer a separate trust fund for the purpose of
15 receiving federal grants or matching funds, private grants or
16 donations, and any other public or private funding source. The
17 trust fund shall meet the requirements of the wraparound
18 services program. All funds deposited into the trust fund shall
19 be irrevocable; all assets of the trust fund shall be dedicated
20 exclusively to the implementation of the wraparound services
21 program; and all assets of the trust fund shall not be subject
22 to appropriation for any other purpose.



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Child Welfare Services; Wraparound Services Program;
Appropriation

Description:

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