

WAFCA Pilot Project

Centralized Resource Connection for Children At-Risk of Out-of-State Placement

Purpose: The purpose of the connection session is to narrow the placing agency’s search to those who have capacity to serve the child and/or family. It should also produce as many viable options as possible, so that if one option does not work out, others can be tried, or so that a combination of services can be tried if a placement resource is unavailable.

The session is meant to be a dialogue and professional exchange, during which the most current and accurate information regarding the child, the child and family’s circumstance, and the provider options are shared.

Connection Session Schedule – 8am Start Time

5 minutes	<p>Participants sign on and rename themselves so that their name and the agency they represent are noted.</p> <p>Facilitators introduce themselves, review the schedule, and briefly highlight the agreements made through signing of the Memorandum of Understanding.</p>
Up to 35 minutes	<p>The primary representatives (those who will be sharing information) from the placing agency introduce themselves and share information utilizing the Presentation Outline as a guide. [Note: If the child and/or parent(s)/legal guardian(s) are present and are comfortable doing so, they may introduce themselves before the information sharing occurs.]</p> <p>Facilitators and providers ask questions to gain clarity about child strengths, needs, and wants.</p> <p>Brainstorming occurs to outline the best-case scenario for care and treatment, with a focus on what would be needed to help the young person stabilize and heal.</p> <p>Providers ask additional clarifying questions that help them determine whether they have capacity to serve the child.</p>
5 minutes	<p>Based on the list of things determined to help stabilize the child, providers identify which service they would be able to provide and enter the following into the chat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agency name, service type, approximate date when service would be available, contact person, email and/or phone. <p>Providers who may have capacity to serve the child but need to connect further with their team can note that in the chat box and follow up with connect@wafca.org after the team consult occurs.</p> <p>Providers who do not have a resource for the child and/or family enter the reason on the Padlet (there will be a link to this posted in the chat).</p> <p>The link to the session survey is posted in the chat, and the session adjourns.</p>