



*Saving children and youth in crisis by building healthy relationships, promoting support and developing successful connections to families and communities.*

(20)(a) The children's administration shall develop a plan, in consultation with providers, to improve placement stability and promote a continuum of care for children and youth who have experienced abuse and neglect and require long-term placement with behavioral supports. The plan shall include the following in regards to these children and youth:

- (i) Analysis of the cost-effectiveness and outcomes of existing placement options;
- (ii) Development of common and consistent assessment criteria for determining the necessary level of care;
- (iii) Delineation of a continuity of care continuum;
- (iv) Identification of gaps in services with recommended strategies and costs for addressing those gaps, and;
- (v) Development of models for stabilizing funding, including forecasting models, for all components of the service continuum.

(b) The children's administration shall submit the plan to the appropriate legislative committees by December 1, 2016.

Please provide specific feedback on top 3 issues w/potential solutions/outcomes to Brian Carroll by Tuesday, May 24 at:

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