Every Student Succeeds Act: Foster Care Collaborating with Local Child Welfare Agencies

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Supportive Adults

School District

Child Welfare Agency

Working for the Best Interest of the Child
The district point of contact is a key player in the collaborative relationship with the local child protection agency.
Facilitate a community-wide collaboration.

Involve many stakeholders.
Court Representatives

Community Providers

Education Groups

Parent Mentor Groups
Establish a collaborative structure

Local child welfare agencies and other stakeholders

Prior to Dec. 10
Dec. 10 Effective Date
Ensure all school staff are sensitive to the complex needs of foster youth.
Training for school staff about the needs of children in foster care
Importance of maintaining school of origin

Understanding the process in making the best interest determination
Notify of placements
Use sensitivity
Coordinate with agencies
ESSA reporting requirement
Data sharing plays a critical role, but student privacy is paramount.
• Overview of foster care provisions
• Educational stability for foster youth
• Information about the district point of contact
• Information about transportation