

QPI Workgroups & Goals 2018-2019



1. Training

Ensuring all resource parents receive comprehensive, accessible, high-quality training and education.

- Standardize training requirements among Philadelphia foster care agencies beyond the state minimum, considering best practices around the nation and successful strategies at partner QPI sites.
- Develop a training consortium among foster care agencies to expand resource parents' access to timely, relevant, and convenient trainings while equitably sharing resources among agencies.
- Establish a web-based training hub for resource parents to get information about upcoming trainings at provider agencies and other sites, and register for these trainings.

2. Building Relationships

Strengthening relationships among resource parents, families of origin, and youth.

- Implement or expand practices that establish and support relationships between resource families and families of origin, such as icebreaker meetings and 'bridging the gap' events.
- Implement or expand practices that elevate the youth voice, both in individual cases and in system policies and practices.
- Develop mentorship and peer support program(s) for resource and bio parents.

3. Communications & Information-Sharing

Empowering all system stakeholders through effective communication strategies.

- Continue 'What About' series of fact sheets to address gaps in understanding among resource parents and other stakeholders on areas including prudent parenting, accessing medical and mental health services, and the court process.
- Drive implementation of existing tools, including the Placement Letter, Placement Information Form, and Chain of Command document, that aid resource parents in caring for children and promote communication and accountability with case management staff.
- Contribute to communications strategies for resource parent recruitment.

4. Courts

Promoting the voices of resource parents within the court system.

- Assess the Philadelphia court system's compliance with federal and state laws concerning the rights of resource parents to receive notice of hearings and participate in court.
- Explore methods of increasing the resource parent voice in court, whether by personal appearance or written submissions, considering successful strategies at partner QPI sites.
- Educate resource parents and other stakeholders on the rights of resource parents and the value of resource parent participation in the court process.