

	Meeting date/location: 4/15/21– WebEx	
DCFS Co-Chair: Dr. Kim Mann	Start Time: 9:30AM	
<p>Attendance list: Attendees: Erika Millsaps, Eliza Betteridge, Neil Jordan, Jenn Prior, Pfeffer Eisin, Robin LaSota, Charles Krause, Richard Epstein, Kim Mann, Christina Bruhn, Cynthia Richter-Jackson, Steve Budde, Jackie Bratland, Margaret Vimont, Te’ja Jackson, Rob Hjertquist, Kristin Dennis, Norma Machay, Shannon Kugley, Jessica Ellis, Steve Tran, Ted Cross</p>		
<p>Summary of Discussion Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - JPA & NU gave a presentation to roughly 100 DCFS and POS agency staff and providers in May focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The trauma exposure of youth entering care • The relationship of “complex trauma” to well-being and functioning • The protective factors and emotional/ behavioral needs of youth • How some of these measures vary by age of the child, as well as race/ethnicity and gender 	Required Action:	Person Responsible:
Welcome & Introductions:		
<p>1. Overview/Updates: Illinois Child Welfare CANS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is workgroup further developing this work; the IM+-CANS Mental Health Assessment and Life Span tool is live and are being utilized by residential providers, outpatient mental health services, and the rest of the state will utilize the tool eventually. - It has been discussed that caseworkers will use a truncated version of the tool; Julianna Harms leads the workgroup around this version of the caseworker CANS. There is a design of mapping currently with OITS to build this into SACWIS. IA screeners and clinical will continue to use the full IM+ CANS tool. - There are 60 items in the current CANS 2.0 that we have data on, there is a possibility the finalized Illinois Child Welfare CANS will not have some of these items. The new CANS will have a minimum of 50 items initially. <p>2. Lean Experiment of Clinical Integration to CFTM (Dr. Steve Budde): JPA and NU looked at the SDQ (of foster kids within the Immersion Sites) as a modest predictor of placement moves and hospitalizations, as well as complex trauma which is being used as a flag to target these cases. The relationship of complex trauma to higher levels of mental health symptoms was examined, as well as emotional/behavioral health domains.</p>	Review slides on updates from Dr. Ted Cross which was disseminated during April meeting.	

<p>3. Updates to 2017 Illinois Child Well-Being Study (Dr. Ted Cross):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A point in time study of a random sample of 700 children and youth in out-of-home care on October 23, 2017. - Children’s time in care ranged from a few months to 16 years with the median time in care being 1.7 years. - Through partnership with NU and University of Chicago there was an opportunity to not only streamline collecting data, but to maintain a database of the CANS. From this process data was able to be merged from the NU database and the 2017 study. From there, there was an opportunity to examine new insights about the Integrated Assessment and address the following research questions: - Is the IA CANS related to child and youth needs while they are in care? - Is the IA CANS still relevant when children and youth have been in care for long periods? <p>Three groups were then compared on well-being in care based on IA CANS score:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IA CANS Behavioral and Emotional Needs scale = 0, No evidence (no need for action) - IA CANS Behavioral and Emotional Needs scale = 1, Watchful waiting, prevention (efforts are needed to monitor this need or engage in activities to ensure that it does not become worse) - IA CANS Behavioral and Emotional Needs scale = 2 or 3, Action needed <p>Other data highlights from the study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A number of children and youth in DCFS care are resilient despite adverse childhood experiences (ACEs). - We have more stats on children who are functioning poorly than children who are resilient. 		
<p>Discussion Points for the Next Meeting:</p>	<p>Status Update. New/Pending/Response from DCFS Received:</p>	
<p>Recommendation 1:</p>		
<p>Adjourn Time: 11:00 AM</p>		
<p>Next Meeting Date/location: August 19, 2021</p>		
<p>Date Minutes Submitted:</p>		