Minutes

QPI-C Meeting: 1-13-16

Finalizing Brand Statement and Creating Action Steps

Brainstorming things that need to be addressed in order for us to live up to the Brand Statement:

Ensuring that information (ICCA , etc.) gets to caregivers,

Ensuring that caregivers attend or participate in **SAR's/other meetings**,

Youth want caregivers/workesr to know the child and not just what someone else wrote on a piece of paper: I am not a Case, I am not a Foster Child

Early meeting of caregivers and parents to begin developing relationships

Mechanism for communication/support among birth parents, caregivers, and youth.

Birth parent mentors

Pre-placement Connection – Caregiver and child/youth
      Caregiver profiles shown to youth (will be available later this year in new placement matching software)
      Bio (written by youth) to be shown to prospective caregiver
      Caregivers don't really know the kids, workers hide things to make placement easier.

Better communication between the ongoing worker and caregiver.
      Caregiver often treated as intruder. Not getting all the information, sometimes it's timing and worker doesn't know(emergency placements), Sometimes caregivers feel that workers just trying to pass child off to someone.

Youth not present during meetings: this was big for the four youth who were present.

Voting on highest priority items which will become Task Force Groups

1 - SARS/Meetings
2 - Connection between birth parents and caregivers
3 - I am not a foster child/Normalcy
4 - Pre-placement contact between youth and potential caregiver.
5 - Information sharing

Each attendee chose one of these groups that they feel most passionate about and met in small groups. They began to brainstorm ideas about what we need to do to create change in these areas.

Their commitment is to meet in February one or more times, brainstorm what needs to happen and/or what changes need to be made and report back in March (date/time/location tba)

See attachment detailing each group, membership, and what members still need to be added.