

Diligent Recruitment Survey for Caseworkers

1. Introductory Information

1. Caseworker Name

2. Caseworker's Regional Office

In 2013 The Allegheny County Department of Human Services (DHS) was awarded a five-year grant from HHS/ACF Children's Bureau through the "Diligent Recruitment of Families for Children in the Foster Care System" program. The grant will support the creation of a comprehensive approach to recruit, engage and support resource families to serve youth aged twelve and above in out-of-home care.

DHS is interested in your experience working with youth, foster families, and provider agencies. We ask that you complete the following survey to relay your experience. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. We thank you for your cooperation.

2. Resource Family and Youth Information

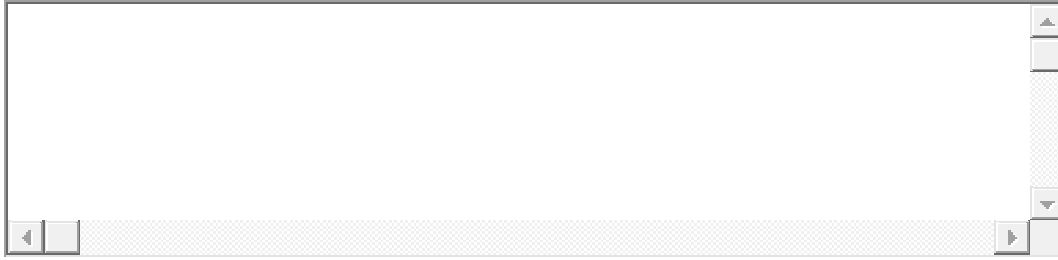
1. Who are the most successful foster families you've worked with? Please list their names and contact information if possible.



2. In your opinion, what characteristics/qualities differentiate these families from other less successful families you've worked with?



3. In your opinion, what characteristics or strategies do successful foster families have or use in order to help with reunification for older, dependent youth (aged 12+)?

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4. In your opinion, what characteristics or strategies do successful foster families have or use in order to get the best permanency outcomes for older, dependent youth (aged 12+)?

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5. For some of the foster families that you've worked with that have not been successful, what are some of the main reasons why these families did not succeed?

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6. Have you ever worked with an older, dependent youth (aged 12+) who was successful in a family setting (kinship or foster?)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I have never worked with older youth in a family setting.

7. If you answered yes to question 6, what made the family placement successful for the older, dependent youth (aged 12+)? (family, supports provided, etc.)

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8. If you answered no to question 6, what changes could have made the family setting more successful for the older, dependent youth (aged 12+)? (family, supports provided, etc.)

3. Provider Agency Information

1. What agencies do you feel best support foster families? Please check all that apply, and include any others in the comment box.

- ☐ Adelphoi Village
- ☐ Auberle
- ☐ Bair Foundation
- ☐ Circle C
- ☐ COTRAIC
- ☐ CYF Foster Care
- ☐ Every Child
- ☐ Families United Network
- ☐ Gwen's Girls
- ☐ Holy Family Institute
- ☐ Jewish Families and Children Services
- ☐ Milestone Centers Inc.(LKA. Allegheny East MHMR)
- ☐ PA Mentor
- ☐ Pressley Ridge
- ☐ Project Star
- ☐ Greater Valley Community Services (LKA. TOM)
- ☐ Try Again Homes
- ☐ Wesley Spectrum Services
- ☐ Other (please list all that apply)

4. Thank You!

Thank you for participating in this survey.

DHS will be in contact as this process continues.