

VFCA Article 29-I Cost Allocation Training Development January 2019

Eligible participants:

All New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) designated Article 29-I licensed Voluntary Foster Care Agencies (VFCAs)

Goal of Readiness Funds:

This initiative will 1) support the development of a comprehensive training curriculum to assist Article 29-I Licensed VFCAs in the children's transition to Medicaid Managed Care and 2) provide CFR training to any new providers in the children's behavioral health transformation.

The provided funds will assist with the following:

- Focus groups of VFCA agencies, NYC ACS, NYS OCFS, and MCTAC to learn more about what challenges agencies are facing related to cost allocation and transitioning to providing children's services through Medicaid managed care (NYC and upstate locations)
- The development of a cost allocation training curriculum Training sessions throughout the state using newly developed curriculum
- CFR curriculum training development and implementation

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Increased support to VFCAs leading up to the Children's Managed Care Transformation
- Increased preparedness of VFCAs for adjusting to providing and billing services in a managed care environment
- Prepare providers to comply with CFR requirements

New York State Office of Children and Family Services and Office of Mental Health anticipate that the following will occur:

- A focus group will be convened in NYC on September 12, 2018
 - Attendees: NYC ACS, NYS OCFS, MCTAC, four NYC VFCAs
 - MCTAC will provide a written summary of the focus group which includes lessons learned and key takeaways that will impact the development of the curriculum
- Focus group held in upstate New York on 11/1/18 to inform cost allocation training curriculum
- Discussions and workgroups with MCTAC to develop a cost allocation training curriculum and schedule of in-person training events
- In person trainings for all VFCA article 29-I providers will occur in February and March 2019.
- MCTAC will track questions and feedback received during the in-person trainings and will work with NYS OCFS to make real-time changes to the curriculum
- MCTAC will deliver a final cost allocation curriculum to NYS OCFS to be updated and re-implemented as needed



- NYS OCFS and NYS OMH will work with MCTAC to develop a plan for developing a CFR training curriculum and implementation

Timeframe:

- 9/12/18: Focus group in NYC
- 11/1/18: Focus group in upstate NY
- 11/14/18: Webinar with participants from both focus groups to present training approach/strategy
- 12/4/18: Webinar with all foster care agencies to present training approach and schedule.
- February-March 2019: In person training sessions for all VFCA article 29-I providers

Reporting

- Determine appropriate timeframe to report milestones and review milestones reported