

Presenter: Nan Beman

## SSIS Responds to Statute

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Including 2012 Changes and Clarification on Earlier Statute

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## Trial Home Visit

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☞ What is NOT Trial Home Visit (THV)?

☞ The court shall not give the responsible social services legal custody and order a trial home visit at any time prior to adjudication and disposition under section 260C.201, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (3), but may order the child returned to the care of the parent or guardian who has custody and from whom the child was removed and order the parent or guardian to comply with any conditions the court determines to be appropriate to meet the safety, health, and welfare of the child.

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## THV Defined

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☞ Trial home visit means the child is returned to the care of the parent or guardian from whom the child was removed for a period not to exceed six months. During the period of the trial home visit, the responsible social services agency:

☞ shall continue to have legal custody of the child, which means the agency may see the child in the parent's home, at school, in a child care facility, or other setting as the agency deems necessary and appropriate;

☞ shall continue to have the ability to access information under section 260C.208;

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## THV Agency Responsibilities

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*☞ The agency:*

- ☞ shall continue to provide appropriate services to both the parent and the child during the period of the trial home visit*
- ☞ without previous court order or authorization, may terminate the trial home visit in order to protect the child's health, safety, or welfare and may remove the child to foster care*
- ☞ shall advise the court and parties within three days of the termination of the trial home visit when a visit is terminated by the responsible social services agency without a court order; and*

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## Responsibilities cont.

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*☞ shall prepare a report for the court when the trial home visit is terminated whether by the agency or court order which describes the child's circumstances during the trial home visit and recommends appropriate orders, if any, for the court to enter to provide for the child's safety and stability. In the event a trial home visit is terminated by the agency by removing the child to foster care without prior court order or authorization, the court shall conduct a hearing within ten days of receiving notice of the termination of the trial home visit by the agency and shall order disposition under this subdivision or conduct a permanency hearing under subdivision 11 or 11a. The time period for the hearing may be extended by the court for good cause shown and if it is in the best interests of the child as long as the total time the child spends in foster care without a permanency hearing does not exceed 12 months.*

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## SSIS Entry

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*☞ When the child returns home prior to adjudication, the continuous placement and placement setting end.*

- What if the court orders a THV prior to adjudication?*

*☞ When the child returns home post adjudication under a THV order, the continuous placement remains open and the placement settings ends with an end reason of 'Begin trial home visit (agency retains custody/responsibility).'*

*☞ Complete THV OHPP.*

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## No Offender Under 10



- ☞ A V12.3 error displays when staff try to save with a "yes" determination on a child age nine or under.
  - System will not allow a finding of maltreatment on alleged perpetrator under the age of ten. Age is determined at date of determination.
  - Agencies will still get these reports, and offenders age nine or under may still be entered as alleged.
  - These cases may either be done FA, or as FI with no finding of maltreatment on alleged offender under age ten.

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## Safe Place for Newborns



- ☞ SSIS added a new Removal Condition of "Safe Place for Newborns relinquishment of parental rights."
- ☞ The authority for these placements is different from other authorities. 260C.217 Subd. 4: *The agency contacted by a safe place pursuant to section 145.902, subdivision 2, shall have legal responsibility for the placement of the newborn infant in foster care for 72 hours during which time the agency shall file a petition under section 260C.141 and ask the court to order continued placement of the child in foster care.*

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## Changed Permanency Options



- ☞ LTFC on Court screen is inactive per law which became effective on 8/1/12. It will be replaced by Permanent Custody to the Agency
- ☞ LTFC -Specified on Court screen is inactive per law which became effective as of 8/1/12. It will be replaced by Temporary Custody Continued to the Agency.
- ☞ These will update in V12.4.

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## Permanency Plans

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❧ On Continuous Placement:

- "Living with Relatives -LTFC" changed to "Living with Relatives -Permanent Custody to the Agency."
- "LTFC -non-relative" changed to "Permanent Custody to the Agency -Living with non-relative."

❧ Updated for V12.4.

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## Changes to Plan drop-down in V12.4

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❧ Primary Permanency Plan

- Reunify with parents or principal caretaker
- Live with relatives-permanent transfer of custody
- Live with relatives-adoption
- Adoption-non-relative
- Guardianship -non-relative

❧ Concurrent Permanency Plan

- Live with relatives-permanent transfer of custody
- Live with relatives-adoption
- Adoption-non-relative
- Guardianship-non-relative

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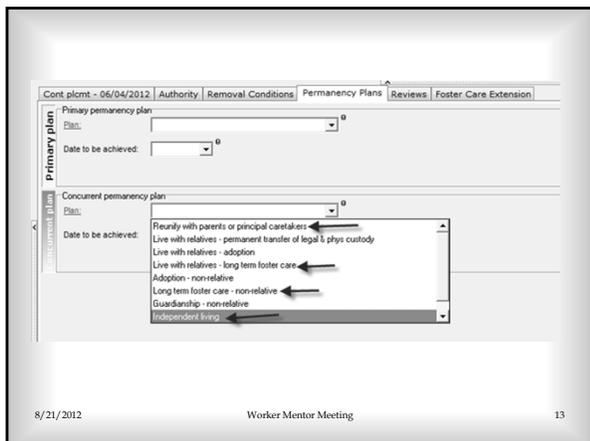
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## Analysis and Charting

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- ❧ Mn 3 offers chart for % of all children in care with LTFC order.
- ❧ Future chart should show % of children in care with order for permanent custody to the agency (dates 8/1/12 and beyond).
- ❧ V12.4(?)

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## SSIS Enquiry Reports

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- ❧ Clients Age 18 and Under as Offenders in Intakes or Workgroups Where the Victim is Age 18 or Older
  - While there may be offenders under 18, there should almost never be a victim 18 or older.
- ❧ Clients Age 12 and Under as Offenders in Intakes or Workgroups Where the Victim is Age 18 or Younger
  - Offenders may possibly be ages 10-12, but check that the victim is correct (usually younger than the alleged offender).

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## SSIS Enquiry Reports



### CP Workgroups Created Before Victim is Born

- One intake was a report of prenatal exposure with information from the hospital that baby would be delivered the next day. In fact, the baby was born the following day. Although this case is on the report, it should not be changed.
- Report of prenatal exposure two months prior to birth. This report should be screened out, even though CP is already working with parent. It can't legally be a report of maltreatment until the child is born.

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## More on Prenatal Reports



### Report received centered on prenatal exposure plus risk to two-year-old.

- Screen out prenatal exposure report. Screen in allegation on risk to two-year-old.

### One assessment had WG open on older child, infant born 20 days after WG open date. Prenatal exposure allegation added as child was born. No changes needed in SSIS.

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## Ask Nan



Keep Your Cards and Letters Coming!

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# Placement Questions



- ☞ Child is picked up by law enforcement and put in Juvenile Center (locked or not?). Does this fit the definition of a behavioral consequence <30 days?
- ☞ Do placements less than 24 hours require a continuous placement to be entered?
- ☞ Your agency has terminated the IV-E agreement with corrections. The judge continues to order custody with the social services agency. Must these placements be entered in SSIS?

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# Placement



- ☞ The judge orders the child placed with the non-custodial parent. Is this a new placement setting in SSIS?
- ☞ End reason for previous setting:



- ☞ If the judge orders custody to remain with your agency, does the continuous placement end in this scenario?

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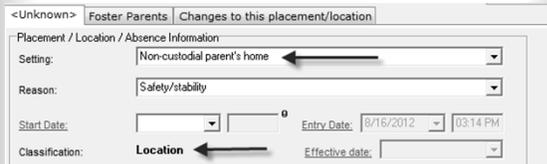
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# May Enter Location

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# CW-TCM Plan



- Some agencies have requested the CW-TCM plan be incorporated into the Family Assessment and the Child Protection plans.
  - The FA and CP plans are family centered plans. CW-TCM is very specifically for one child to meet that child's needs. DHS recommends that the CW-TCM plan be used separately when children remain in their own home. The needs and services for the child are then clearly delineated for the family and for possible audit.

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