

Attach Families, Inc. Proposed Revisions for Policies Addressing Families Affected by Complex Developmental Trauma and Reactive Attachment Disorder in Child Protective Services, and Courts.

Child Protective Services and Courts:

In cases involving minors demonstrating prolonged threats, anger, violence, and trauma history, action may be taken even if harm has not occurred. The child will be removed for treatment to prevent harm to family members.

Child Protective Services will intervene when a child creates an unsafe environment for others at home, opting for the removal and treatment of the problematic child instead of placing siblings in foster care.

Minors failing to progress in a Residential Treatment Center may be transferred to a higher-level facility, with regular evaluations. Lack of progress may result in permanent placement in a treatment facility, transitioning to an adult treatment center at 18.

Adoptive parents of children not making progress in treatment centers can petition for joint custody with the state, ensuring parental involvement without intimidation or threats.

Agencies must disclose trauma, parental chemical use, and biological parent mental illness histories to adoptive parents before finalizing adoptions, with significant penalties for non-disclosure.

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Transition facilities must be established nationwide to provide treatment and supervision for minors discharged from acute care hospitalization or those posing a threat until permanent arrangements are made.

Parents, with professional documentation, can add a child with specific mental illnesses to the federal background check database, restricting gun access until age 18, with a petition process for removal at 21.

Parents found guilty of child abuse or neglect will temporarily lose custody, completing treatment and a corrective action plan, followed by parental probation.

Child Protective Services must provide comprehensive training on attachment and Complex Trauma for foster and adoptive parents, with assistance in obtaining treatment.

States must contract with Certified Parent/Family Support Specialists to represent and support parents in county mental health services decisions.

Children in foster care or adoption placements must receive trauma and attachment therapy from the outset.