

Funding Activities

Background Notes

DHS is funded by state and federal dollars. The agency is expected to perform certain functions with the money received, such as provide care and services for children who are placed in foster care. The agency is required to document activities in order to receive funding. As a caseworker you will be asked to verify, through documentation, activities that you perform on behalf of children in order for DHS to receive funds from the state and federal government. Some of the terms you may hear related to funding are IV-E eligibility, TCM (Targeted Case Management) and RMS (Random moment surveys).

Tasks / Assignments:

- Find out who is the eligibility specialist that serves your office and talk with them about the purpose of IV-E and what documentation is needed to verify IV-E eligibility. What does it mean to you and the families you serve?
- Find out who the Federal Revenue Specialist is that serves your branch. Ask about the TCMs and RMSs. What documentation is required from the worker and how often?
- Find out if there is funding available for extraordinary needs that a client may have, such as a special type of therapy.

Discoveries:

- *What documentation is required from you and how often?*
- *What is the impact for children and families?*
- *Where do you refer relative foster families if they have questions about funding?*