

Dependency & Neglect Bench Card
for Caseworker Involvement (required by PIP 2021)**

1. Ensure ICWA addressed at every hearing *
2. Has an Expedited Evaluation been ordered? * If this has been ordered add the DNSR code and attach to the parent it was Ordered for.
3. Since last hearing, how many contacts have you had with each parent? *
 - a. Are parents engaged in their treatment?
 - b. Have the initial safety concerns been addressed? *
4. If child(ren) out of home, is kin placement an option? *
 - a. Status of the kin like placement? *
 - b. Has RGAP been discussed with Parties? *
5. Parent support:
 - a. What efforts have been made to contact the non-custodial parent? *
 - b. Has the Parent Partner Program been offered to Qualifying Parents? *
 - c. Has Center on Fathering been discussed with father(s) on the case? *

*** All the items with an Asterisks next to it must be included in your MINC at every hearing.**

****Beginning 7/1/21, EPC is required by the Federal Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) to show measurable outcomes in these areas. Staff shall include notes in minute order re: DHS report/bench discussions. Some questions are appropriate to ask at each hearing; other questions only need to be addressed once.**

Effective 7/1/21 All divisions are to use the DNSR code if an expedited evaluation is ordered for a parent.