



# Placement Stability Workgroup Recommendations and Pilot

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# Why are we looking at placement stability?

**Placement stability leads to better outcomes in educational and relational stability and permanency**

**Children and youth in stable placements are less likely to be involved in the juvenile justice system**

**Placement stability maximizes continuity of services, decreases foster parent stress and lowers program costs**

**Placement stability increases the likelihood that a child will establish an enduring positive relationship with a caring adult**

**National Standard is 83% for children/youth not experiencing moves.  
Colorado is at 70%**

**Performance Improvement Plan (PIP) item**



# History of the placement stability work group

- The group is comprised of both county departments and community agencies.
- The first meeting was November 2021 and met monthly through July 2022.
- The decision was made to focus on placement preparation to determine if placement providers are sufficiently prepared for the placement and if not, where are the gaps.
- The second point of focus will be how to intervene if a placement appears it may be in danger of disrupting.
- The group worked on a process map of what placement preparation should look like.
- Initial recommendation ideas include a transition/stabilization visit, follow-up contact, and team debrief. Additionally, the group revised current tools to make them applicable with a broader audience of resource providers.

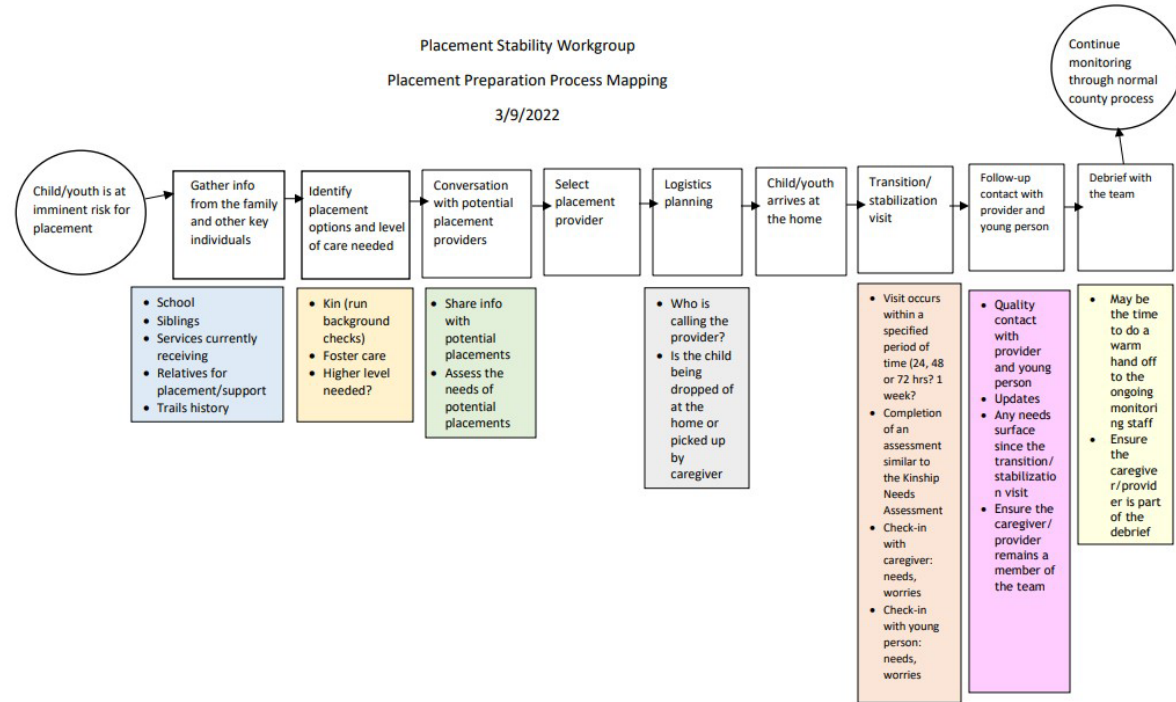


## Transition/Stabilization Visit:

- Held within a specified amount of time
- Completion of a Caregiver Needs Assessment
- Check-in with caregiver about needs, concerns, follow up items
- Check-in with young person about needs, concerns, follow up items

These visits are intended for transitioning a child/youth into a new placement and to support stabilization if the placement is at risk of disruption.

## [Process map](#)







# Existing tools that were reviewed

[Kinship Needs Assessment & Definitions](#)

[People Who May Be Involved in a Case](#)

Kinship Caregiver Checklist

How to Navigate the Court Process

[Contact template for care providers \(similar to monthly worker child visits\)](#)

Family Involvement Continuum

Network of Support

Stages of Disruption





# Considerations

What information is needed by placement providers?

Planning for visits and contact with biological family and connections

Impacts to caseworkers

Who else needs to be at the table? (i.e. Juvenile Justice)?

Assessing the need for an icebreaker meeting

Caregiver role in Family Engagement Meetings

Is there a role for third-party contracts?

What current tools can be used in expanded ways (Caregiver Needs Assessment)?





# Placement Stability Pilot

## Finding ways to stabilize placements for Colorado's children and youth

### Activity 1

- Implement transition/stabilization meetings
- Complete the Caregiver Needs Assessment
- Assess risk of disruption during monthly visits with caregivers

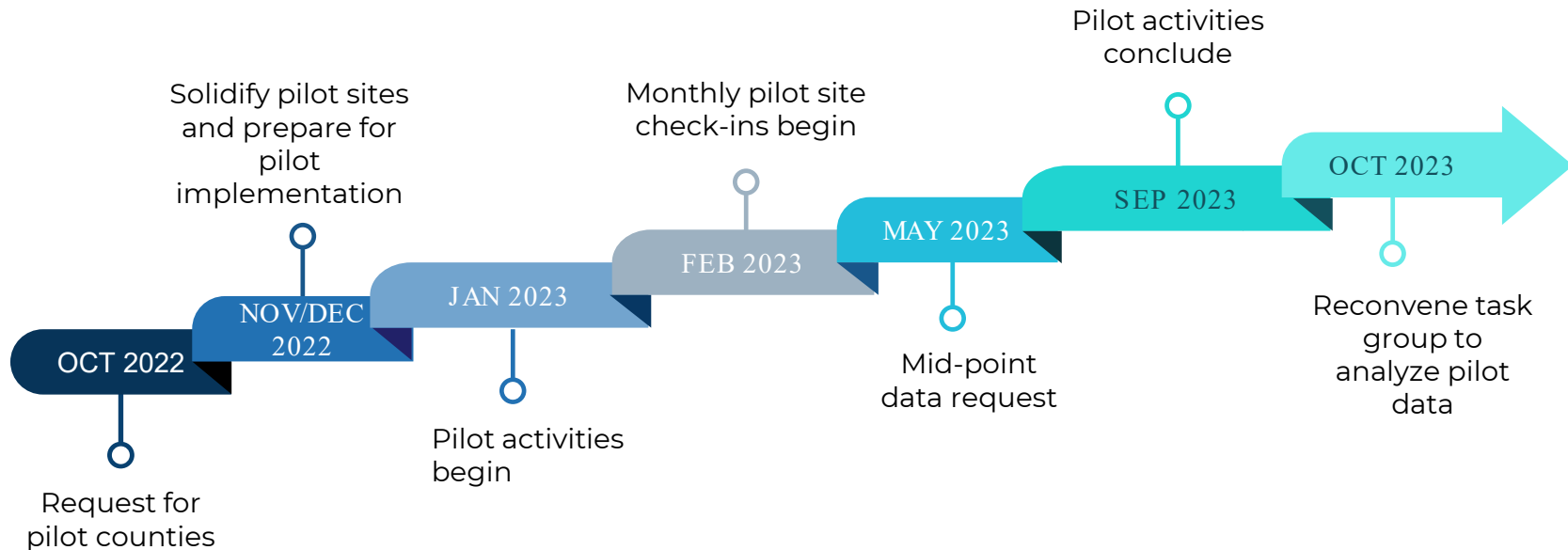
### Activity 2

- Document trends such as what is going well and not so well
- Track feedback regarding pilot tools and processes

### Activity 3

- Participate in the monthly pilot check-in calls

# Placement Stability Pilot Timeline







# Top 5 reasons your county should participate in the pilot

01

Looking for counties of all sizes

02

Peer support and group supervision (training credit)

03

Having a voice in practice recommendations and changes

04

Increasing child and youth voice

05

Better outcomes for children and youth

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