

UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF AB12 AND POTENTIAL STRATEGIES FOR CHANGE

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OVERVIEW

- ✘ Our perspectives and biases
- ✘ Overview of unintended consequences
- ✘ Strategies for change



UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES

- ✘ What does this mean?
- ✘ Strategies from successful approaches
- ✘ Goal for today: *At least* one new idea



#1: HOUSING

- ✘ The SILP has become a default option
- ✘ Why?
- ✘ Strategies



#2: CREATIVE WAYS TO QUALIFY FOR AB12

- ✘ \$799 a month is perceived as having more value and viability than permanency
- ✘ Promotion of substitute care in the form of SILPs or long-term foster care instead of a safety net
- ✘ Strategies



#3: HUGE IMPACT ON AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- ✘ AB12 taps staffing and other resources previously used for younger youth in care
- ✘ Strategies



#4: NOW SERVING ADULTS, NOT YOUTH

- ✘ Case work with youth vs. case work with adults
- ✘ Constraining of adult choices and decision making
- ✘ Strategies



#5: NO PROVISION FOR FLEEING 18 YEAR OLDS

- ✘ A small proportion of youth
- ✘ Many end up homeless, uneducated, in prison, in poor living circumstances, other poor outcomes.
- ✘ Strategies



#6: LIFE SKILLS PREP FOR PERMANENCY

- ✘ AB12 doesn't address independent living preparation
- ✘ Permanency placements work far better when youth have life skills preparation
- ✘ Strategies



REVIEW

- ✘ Housing
- ✘ Creative ways to qualify
- ✘ Impact on resources
- ✘ Serving adults, not youth
- ✘ No provision for those who flee
- ✘ Life Skills prep essential



QUESTIONS AND CONVERSATION

- × Focus on:
 - + Housing
 - + Creative ways to qualify
 - + Impact on resources
 - + Serving adults, not youth
 - + Fleeing youth
 - + Life skills preparation
- × Other questions



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