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
What does this mean?
Strategies from successful approaches
Goal for today: \textit{At least} one new idea

\textbf{#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
Case work with youth vs. case work with adults
- Constraining of adult choices and decision making
- Strategies

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
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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