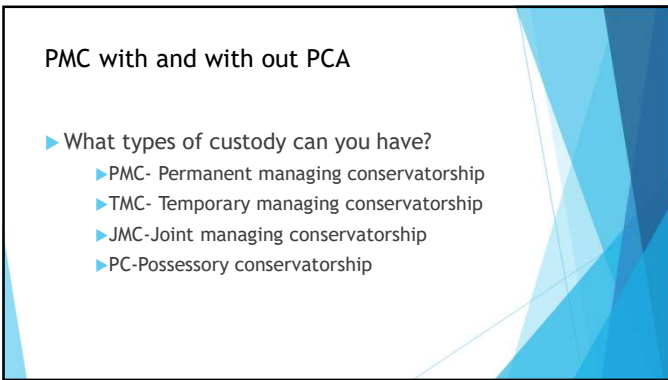
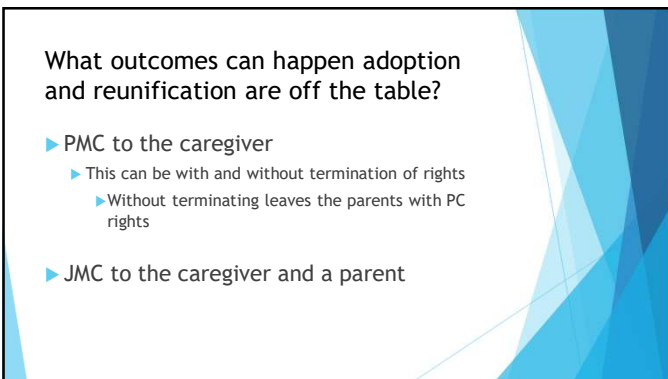


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What is "PCA"

- ▶ PCA stands for Permanency Care Assistance
 - ▶ This program gives financial help to kinship and fictive kin caregivers who want to provide a permanent home but is NOT adopting.
 - ▶ The financial benefits range between \$400-\$545 per child a month until 18 years old depending on the child's needs

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How can a caregiver receive this?

- ▶ To qualify a caregiver must:
 - ▶ Apply and become a licensed foster parent
 - ▶ Care for the child for 6 months as a licensed foster parent
 - ▶ Negotiate and sign a PCA agreement
 - ▶ Go to court and have the judge transfer PMC to the caregivers

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While that sounds like a simple plan, it turns out often times not to be

- ▶ Possible delays or issues your case might run into:
 - ▶ When did the caregivers start and complete the process?
 - ▶ Has a final hearing been held before the caregivers completed this program?
 - ▶ This is usually the case which causes cases to run longer
 - ▶ Do the parents still have rights? If so, they need to be served AGAIN with the MOTION TO MODIFY
 - ▶ Do you know where the parents are?
 - ▶ If you can't find them the you have to go the serve by publication route which requires more paperwork, the judge to approve this and time delays

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Key takeaways

- ▶ PMC CANNOT be transferred to the caregiver before the PCA agreement is signed or they will lose all benefits
- ▶ Make sure the caregivers are aware of the PCA program option early on in the case
- ▶ Be prepared for this not to be a simple and quick process like it sounds
- ▶ Remember that parents will need to be served before the judge can transfer PMC
- ▶ Even if the parents agreed to the PMC/PCA route before they are still entitled to LEGAL notice that orders are being changed

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What is the PAL program

- ▶ PAL stands for Preparation for Adult Living
- ▶ This program is intended to help youth 16 to 18 get ready to leave foster care and live on their own

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How does PAL do this?

- ▶ Once the child turn 16 they are assigned a PAL worker on top of their regular CPS case worker.
- ▶ This PAL worker will have several children assigned to them and their attention is focused only on the children and not the parents or caregivers

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How does PAL do this

- ▶ They provide services and classes to those of age
- ▶ There are multiple services under the 3 categories
 - ▶ Independent Living Skills Assessments and training
 - ▶ Optional Support Services
 - ▶ Transitional Living Allowance
 - ▶ Case management services
 - ▶ Aftercare room and board assistance

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Independent Living Skills Assessments and Training

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Optional Support Services

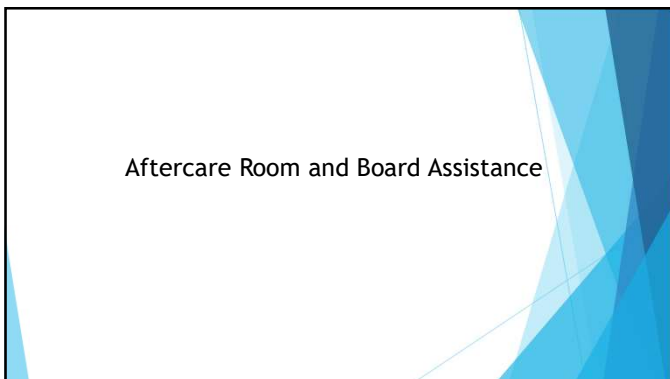
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Levels of care for our children

- ▶ What is a Level of care and what are the levels?
 - ▶ Basic
 - ▶ Moderate
 - ▶ Specialized
 - ▶ Intense

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Who decides what Level of Care a child is?

- ▶ Youth for Tomorrow- an independent group from CPS or placements
- ▶ How do they decide this?
- ▶ How often is this evaluated?
- ▶ How does this effect placement?

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DFPS Resources

- ▶ COVID-19 updates
- ▶ Child safety tips
- ▶ Recent news
- ▶ Abuse Hotline/reporting info
- ▶ Resources
- ▶ Specifics about several different departments and programs
 - ▶ Conservatorship
 - ▶ Kinship
 - ▶ PCA and many more

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