



Centralized Resource Connection for Placement Stability

Memorandum of Understanding

The purpose of the Resource Connection is to locate treatment and services for children with higher behavioral health needs to support placement stability. To be successful, we need to partner efficiently and effectively, think creatively, and act with urgency. We value the expertise and experience of the professionals coming to the table and have established the following set of commitments as a framework for our joint efforts.

All involved with the Resource Connection understand and agree to the following concepts and requirements:

Being informed and ready to engage contributes to successful partnerships.

- I agree to read all materials pertaining to the meeting and come prepared.

Everyone is at the virtual table because they care.

- I agree to participate with patience and be respectful of the other professionals involved.
- I will offer constructive feedback when I notice things that could be improved. (Feedback can be provided during the session or afterwards via email – txreg1clinicalutilization@st-francis.org.)

The connection session is a dialogue and professional exchange, during which the most current and accurate information regarding the child, the child and family's circumstance, and the provider options are shared.

- I agree to keep the information discussed confidential and only share with those who have a need to know for the purpose of providing care and/or treatment.
- I will share all relevant information, including the strengths and needs of the child and family, while ensuring confidentiality.
- If I do not have the answer to a question, I commit to seeking it out.

The connection session is a means to determine specific services to stabilize a placement for a child and help caregivers meet a child's needs in the least restrictive setting possible. The goal is to produce as many viable options as possible, so that if one option does not work out, others can be tried, or so that a combination of services can be tried if residential services are unavailable or insufficient for the individual child.

- I agree to keep an open mind and consider *all* possibilities.
- I agree to think of myself/my agency as part of the solution.
- I will think of child/family needs first.
- If challenges come to mind, I will share those with the group and view them as things to problem-solve.

If a solution(s) emerges from this session, my work is not done.

- I agree to continue being part of the solution, including partnering to support the child/family when in crisis if I have been identified as a part of the child's support plan.
- I will respond timely to those I'm in partnership with.
- I will share information with SFCS so that evaluation of the Resource Connection can occur.

A solution may not emerge for a particular child/family.

- I agree to focus on the success of the attempt rather than the outcome.
- If something changes about the resource needed and/or availability of a service, I can share this with SFCS and discuss the options.

Name:

Agency/Organization:

Electronic Signature:

Date: