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PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

*Learn about the available foster care settings
in Louisiana.*

**MARCH 17, 2022
12 - 1 P.M.**

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Take an in-depth look at the care setting options available for children in foster care, including family-like settings, congregate care, and residential treatment as well as the differences between placements and hospital admissions. Information about relevant Department of Children and Family Services policies utilized in making placement decisions will be provided.



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AGENDA & SCHEDULE

Objectives

- Identify the different care settings available to the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) for the placement of children in foster care, including family-like settings, congregate care, and residential treatment.
- Learn about DCFS policies related to levels of care for children in foster care.
- Understand resources available for learning more about the levels of care available for placement of children in foster care.

Speakers

- **LaTrese LeCour** | *State Foster Care Program Manager, Department of Children and Family Services*
- **Yvonne Diaz Domingue** | *Manager, Department of Children and Family Services*
- **Curtis Nelson, J.D.** | *Deputy Judicial Administrator, Division of Children and Families, Louisiana Supreme Court*
- **Caitlin Glass, J.D.** | *Legal Representation Coordinator, Pelican Center for Children and Families*

12:00 - 12:15PM	Family-Like Settings for Placement of Children in Foster Care and Considerations
12:15 - 12:30PM	Congregate Care Settings and Considerations
12:30 - 12:45PM	Residential Treatment Settings and Considerations
12:45 - 1:00PM	Questions and Answers

SPEAKERS



LaTrese LeCour | *State Foster Care Program Manager, Department of Children and Family Services*

LaTrese LeCour manages the Foster Care Unit at the Department of Child and Family Services of Louisiana. She maintains the role of tribal liaison, leader of normalcy in foster care, and Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI). LaTrese has a Bachelors in Psychology and a Masters in Counseling Psychology. She began as an investigator, supervisor, and Child Welfare Manager of Lafourche and Assumption Parishes and a Child Welfare Consultant in Foster Care.



Yvonne Diaz Domingue | *Manager, Department of Children and Family Services*

Yvonne Diaz Domingue manages the Behavioral Health and Residential Services Unit for the Child Welfare Support Services Division of the Department of Child and Family Services of Louisiana. She has worked as a clinician and a child and family advocate in the private and public sectors for three decades. Throughout this time her professional and volunteer work has focused on child and youth development, primary care and behavioral health treatment for infant, toddlers, children and youth. She has led or been a part of implementation teams to build inter-agency, public/private health programs. An accomplished analyst, and data storyteller, she is dedicated to increasing and improving the use of data and research in the development of child welfare policy and protocols that increase permanency and amplify youth and family voice. She holds a Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling and Vocational Education, and a Bachelors of Nursing Degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.



Caitlin Glass | *Legal Representation Coordinator, Pelican Center for Children and Families*

Caitlin Glass is the Legal Representation Coordinator for the Pelican Center for Children and Families. In this role, Ms. Glass is part of the collaboration among legal stakeholders, DCFS, and the Court Improvement Program to enhance the quality of legal representation for parents and children in Louisiana. Ms. Glass has her J.D. and M.S.W. and has represented children in Child in Need of Care cases and parents in dependency cases.

SPEAKERS



Otha "Curtis" Nelson, Jr. | *Deputy Judicial Administrator, Division of Children and Families, Louisiana Supreme Court*

Curtis Nelson earned his Bachelor of Science degree in psychology with a minor in sociology from LSU in 1992. He graduated from Loyola University School of Law in New Orleans in 1997. Curtis has worked as an adolescence mental health technician, a court appointed special advocate, a parent's attorney in child in need of care proceedings, a child's attorney in delinquency proceedings, and as the Juvenile Section Chief for the 19th Judicial District Attorney's Office. Currently, Curtis serves as the Deputy Judicial Administrator for the Louisiana Supreme Court-Division of Children and Families. The division is involved in several Louisiana initiatives to improve the juvenile justice system for children and families.