

“DIVERSITY IN PLACEMENT” (CaISWEC F&E grant)

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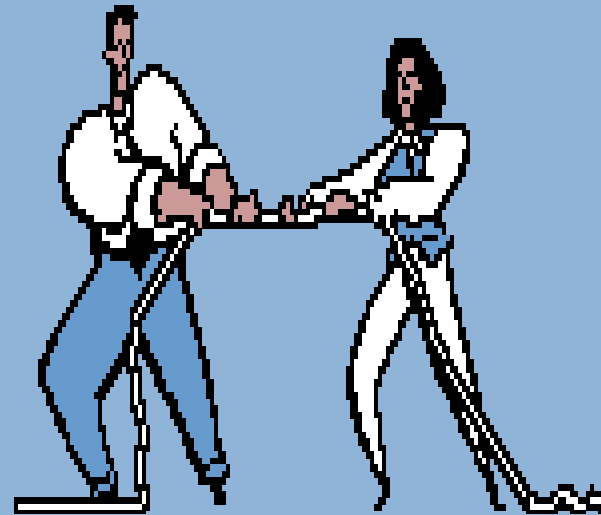


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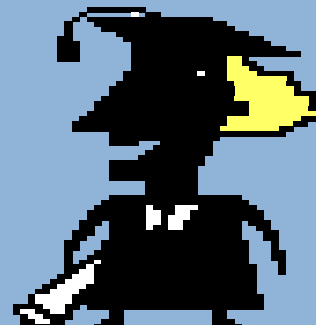
Background

- PCWTA commitment to F&E
- Previous grant
- Trainer development
- Internal efforts
 - Staff meetings
 - Training
 - Straight talk



Disproportionality: now what.....

- Ask the tough questions
- Discuss the elephant/s in the room
- Straight talk
- Goal of better outcomes for children in placement



Practical considerations.....



- Getting support
- Great use of a talented and enthusiastic graduate assistant
- Hiring of a talented curriculum writer

Goals:

- Address F&E concerns and specific populations
- Include other bias areas: LGBTQ, disabled, language,
- Get social workers, foster parents, and youth to work together & give input



THE CURRICULUM FOCUS?

- Identity formation
- Relevant to developmental stages
- Cultural identity formation



Practical Application

- For social workers
- For foster parents
- Mix in training desirable
- Comfort level with discussing needs to be there
- Use of experiential exercises, film, and discussion to maximize learning



Use the curriculum.....

- Rita Cameron Wedding Quote on F&E regarding the seriousness of the disproportionality figures

Piloting in San Diego on June 15, 2006 with a mix of social workers, foster parents and youth!!



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