We are all learning a new way of doing our work in child welfare statewide. Our new Practice Model is a change for everybody. The concepts and actions of family engagement, assessment and intervention are highly structured, with precisely defined expectations about our decision points and resulting outcomes.

We are all working to increase our understanding, expertise and aptitude for application, as we implement the “Safety Methodology”. An encouraging outcome of this statewide effort is that we are teaming together in mutually supportive and successful ways. As we continue to convey, compare and communicate about our collective comprehension of the constructs of our new Practice Model it is anticipated that we will only become stronger as a child welfare workforce.

The purpose of the TACT program is to collaborate with the Office of Child Welfare (OCW), and Florida’s key child welfare stakeholders to build a workforce that can support, mentor and sustain our new Practice Model, as we work toward building statewide confidence, competence and capacity.

What will we be working on together to move forward?

- Collaborate with stakeholders statewide to develop agendas, content and workshops to support and enhance the knowledge and skills necessary within our new Practice Model for foundational skill building around the key concepts of the Safety Methodology.

- Provide coaching, support and feedback for supervisors of the Implementation Sites.

- Develop a process to determine the proficiency of consultants in an effort to build statewide competence and capacity with our new Practice Model.

- Develop a one page monthly practice bulletin to be posted on the Center for Child Welfare at USF.

Stay tuned for next month’s Practice Points to Ponder - - - - Pam Aeppel