

## CONDITIONS FOR RETURN OVERVIEW

Strong Foundations is a cooperative agreement awarded to Embrace Families under the funding opportunity Strengthening Child Welfare Systems to Achieve Expected Child and Family Outcomes. The focus of this project is to improve safety, permanency, and wellbeing outcomes for children and families statewide as measured by the Child and Family Services Review (CFSR). Strong Foundations developed and are supporting three key strategies: 1. Child Welfare Supervisor Certification package, 2. Case Complexity tool to support equitable workload distribution for Case Managers and 3. Conditions for Return.

| Conditions for Return  |  |
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| Through a collaborative effort with the Office of Court Improvement and other strategic system partners in Florida, the Strong Foundations project proposes to develop, train, implement and fully support a process to apply Conditions for Return. The implementation of this concept in the practice model is essential to making concerted efforts to achieve the child’s permanency goal. Promoting a universal understanding of Conditions for Return should result in a consistent application across the state and an increase to the CFSR scores related to permanency. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Office of Court Improvement</li> <li>✓ Office of Child Welfare</li> <li>✓ Guardian ad Litem Program</li> <li>✓ Children’s Legal Services</li> <li>✓ Foster and Adoptive Parent Association</li> </ul> |

There are three key components to the Conditions for Return Strategy.

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| <b>1. System Partner Training</b>                    | Jointly developed audience specific training will be delivered to system partners in all project sites to support the understanding of Conditions for Return. Audiences include frontline staff, foster parents, Guardians ad Litem and the legal community (CLS, parent and GAL attorneys and judiciary). |
| <b>2. Guidebooks &amp; Job Aids</b>                  | Guidebooks, tools and job aids will be distributed to practitioners (GAL volunteers, case managers, child protective investigators, foster parents) and legal partners (GAL and parent attorneys, CLS, judiciary etc.) to support the use of Conditions for Return in daily practice.                      |
| <b>3. Conditions for Return Specialist Positions</b> | Conditions for Return Specialists will serve as experts on Conditions for Return in the field and will support the incorporation of Conditions for Return practices in selected project sites.   |

All project sites will receive the first two components of the strategy. The Conditions for Return specialist positions will only be funded in three sites. Those receiving all three components are referred to as Full Dose sites. Those receiving only the first two components are Partial Dose sites.

| Full Dose Sites  | Partial Dose Sites   |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Embrace Families</li> <li>✓ Community Partnership for Children</li> <li>✓ Families First Network</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Heartland for Children</li> <li>✓ Brevard Family Partnership</li> <li>✓ Northwest Florida Health Network</li> </ul> |