Outcomes of the Caring for Our Own Program

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Through implementation of the Caring for Our Own Program, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) and the City of New York Administration for Children’s Services (ACS) can expect the following outcomes:

1) Children living with relative caregivers will have their needs for emotional support, physical developmental and safety met.

2) Relative caregivers will help children who are placed in their care achieve permanency in the shortest time frame possible.

3) The children’s educational growth will be supported and enhanced through the relative caregivers partnership with the school system.

4) Older adolescents will receive the educational and vocational services they need to achieve successful emancipation (independent living).

5) Relative caregivers will have an ongoing, informal social support network made up of other relative caregivers.

Core Abilities

To achieve the outcomes stated above, relative caregivers that participate in this educational/group support program will be able to accomplish the following core abilities:

Core Ability 1: Relative caregivers will be able to support the emotional, educational and physical development and safety needs of children placed in their care as a result of abuse and maltreatment.

Core Ability 2: Relative caregivers will be able to access formal and informal services on behalf of the children in their care.

Core Ability 3: Relative caregivers will be able to identify the strengths and needs of their families to meet ongoing needs of the children placed in their care.

Core Ability 4: Relative caregivers will be able to assess the current impact of a child’s placement on their own family’s functioning.

Core Ability 5: Relative caregivers will be able to relate to birth parents in ways that support the agency’s case planning goals.

Core Ability 6: Relative caregivers will be able to influence behavioral change in birth parents to achieve permanency for the children in their care.

Core Ability 7: Relative caregivers will be able to help older adolescents access educational and vocational services to achieve successful emancipation.

Core Ability 8: Relative caregivers will be able to develop mutual trust, group cohesion and a safe, supportive environment through the group process.