

QRTP FOLLOW-UP

What we have learned

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Presentation Roadmap

1. Reviewing the Initial Placement Review
2. Intersect between OhioRISE and QRTP
3. The Subsequent Placement Reviews
4. Questions

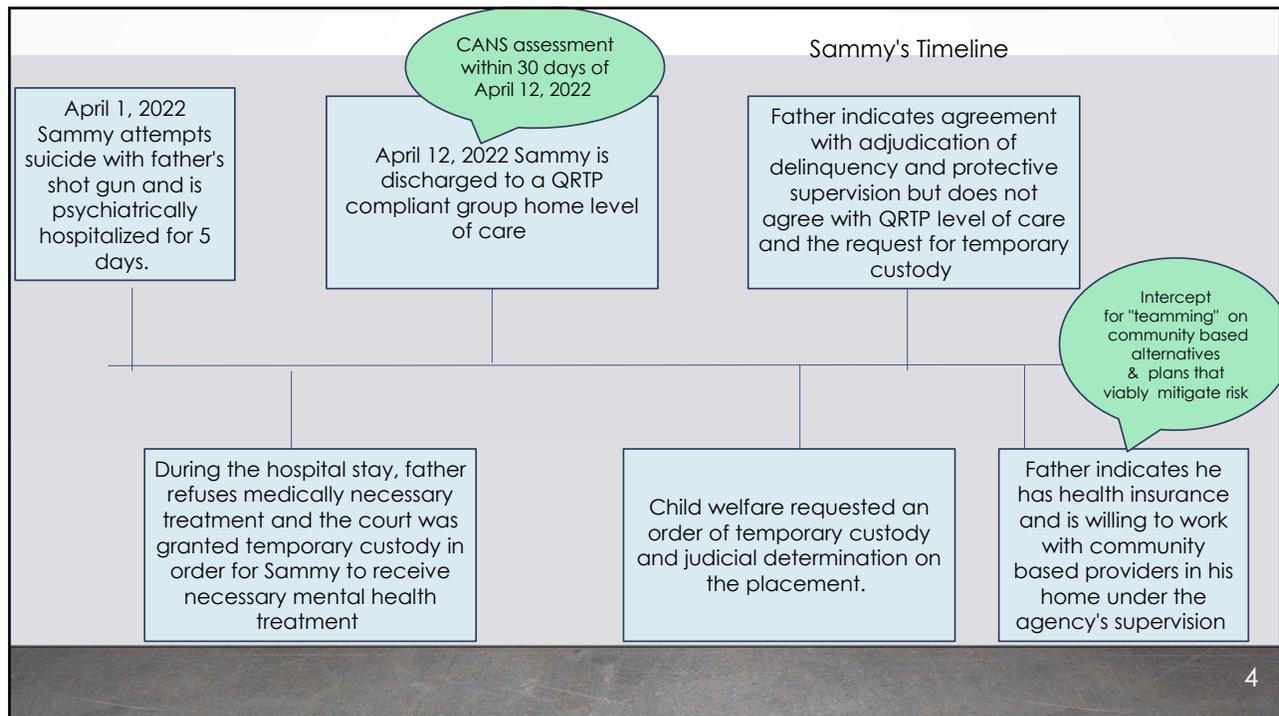
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Fact Scenario: The case of Sammy

- Sammy is 12-years-old and he will turn 13 on 8/13/22.
- On April 1, 2022, Sammy tried to kill himself. He was able to obtain his father's shotgun and he tried to shoot himself but he misfired. A neighbor heard the shot and the police were called who took Sammy to the hospital. Sammy said he tried to kill himself because classmates were taunting him over allegations that Sammy had inappropriately touched two younger students.
- For 5 days Sammy was hospitalized in a psychiatric facility that recommended a residential style facility upon discharge to address major depression and anxiety.
- Sammy's father did not consent to the after-care treatment plan and the hospital refused to prescribe Sammy medication without a court order. On April 4, 2022, the child welfare agency requested an emergency order to treat Sammy and an emergency order of custody. Both emergency orders were granted by the juvenile court. The Agency also filed a complaint requesting an adjudication of Dependency and a grant of temporary custody.
- On April 12, 2022, Sammy was discharged to a group home facility called Seedlings which is a QRTP compliant facility. The child welfare agency requested an order of temporary custody and a judicial determination regarding his placement in a QRTP.
- The father was in agreement with an adjudication of Dependency but he contested the disposition of temporary custody to the child welfare agency. The father also does not agree that Sammy needs the level of care provided for by the QRTP. The father, who recently obtained health insurance for his son, believes that he can ensure that Sammy receives the necessary care through community mental health providers while residing in his home, with the oversight of the child welfare agency through protective supervision.

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Reviewing the QRTP Process – Due Dates

- QI report which includes the CANS assessment
- Judicial determination
 - The judicial determination can be completed administratively OR following an Initial Placement Review hearing.



• **Best Practice: The judicial determination is completed following an Initial Placement Review hearing where parties, counsel, and the GAL are provided an opportunity to participate in the process.**



• **Question: When is the deadline for the assessment by the QI and for the judicial determination?**



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Reviewing the QRTP Process

- The Deadlines for the Assessment and Judicial Determination are triggered by Sammy's placement in the QRTP not when he is hospitalized. The hospital facility is not a QRTP.
 - Assessment: within 30 days of the placement—May 12, 2022
 - Judicial Determination: June 10, 2022

Reviewing the QRTP Process - Twist



- When Sammy was placed at Seedlings on April 12, 2022, the facility was not licensed as a QRTP but was in the process of accreditation. On May 1, 2022, the facility was accredited as a QRTP.
- How would these dates impact the timing for the assessment and the judicial determination?

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Reviewing the QRTP Process

- **OAC 5101: 2-42-12.1** (effective June 15, 2022)
 - For each IV-E eligible child placed in a non-qualified residential treatment program (non-QRTP) on or after October 1, 2021, the requirements outlined in rule 5101:2-42-12 of the Administrative Code are to be followed by the IV-E agency beginning with the effective date the non-QRTP has met the qualified residential treatment program (QRTP) certification requirements and is considered compliant.

For Sammy, the time would start on May 1, 2022, and the assessment would need to be completed by May 30, 2022, and the judicial determination would have to be completed by June 29, 2022.

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Reviewing the QRTP Process - Twist



The Qualified Individual completing Sammy's assessment did not approve the level of care for Sammy and/or the Court denied the level of care.

- What are the possible outcomes?
 - The child welfare agency identifies a foster home if the youth is placed in the custody of the agency.
 - The child welfare agency works with the father to transition the youth home or to a kinship placement.
 - If the youth is placed in the custody of the Agency, the child welfare agency maintains the youth in the QRTP but forfeits IV-E reimbursement.
- The child welfare agency will maintain funding for 30 days following the denial of the level of care by the QI.

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Reviewing the QRTP Process

- Denial of the level of care by the QI or the Court [OAC 5101: 2-42-12 (F)]
 - If the QI or the juvenile court disapproves of the placement in a QRTP, the family and permanency team is to consider the appropriate level of care for the child in the least restrictive environment.
 - The IV-E placing agency will receive IV-E reimbursement for up to 30 days after a disapproval to transition the youth to a family-like setting.
 - Any time a youth is discharged, the QRTP is required to complete after-care support for at least 6 months as long as the youth was placed there for more than 14 days. [OAC 5101: 2-9-42 (B)(10) and see this rule for an explanation about the requirements and services of a QRTP.]

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Reviewing the Q RTP Process – Completing the Assessment

Family and Permanency Team [OAC 5101:2-42-12 (B)(2)(a)]

- Who identifies the team?
- Who should be on the team?
- What are the goals of this team and how does this team engage with the QI?

Qualified Individual? [OAC 5101: 2-42-12(A)]

- How was the QI identified and qualified?
- What and why should the QI know about community resources?
- What is the difference between the CANS assessment and the QI report?

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Reviewing the Q RTP Process – Qualified Individual Report

OAC 5101:2-42-12(B)

Shall include:

- CANS assessment either Brief or Comprehensive
- List of the child specific short and long term mental health and behavioral health goals
- Reasons why the needs of the child cannot be met by family, kin, or in a foster home
- Reasons why the placement into a Q RTP is a recommended setting that will provide the child with the most effective and appropriate level of care in the least restrictive environment
- How the placement into the Q RTP is consistent with the short-term and long-term goals as specified in the family case plan

Should include:

- List of information that the QI reviewed
- The individuals the QI interviews
- The Family and Permanency Team members and their position

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Reviewing the QRTP Process – Judicial Determination Hearing [OAC 5101: 2-42-12]

- 60 day initial placement review
- Can be completed either administratively or through a hearing.
- **Best Practice Tip: Combine the QRTP Review with the Dispositional hearing.**
- What is provided to the Court?
 - Qualified Individual Report
 - CANS assessment (either Brief or Comprehensive)
 - Case plan that includes the QRTP information



The following information is to be documented in the family case plan

- Reasonable and good faith efforts by the PCSA to identify and include all individuals in the child's family and permanency team.
- Contact information for the members of the family and permanency team and contact information for other family members/fictive kin who are not team members.
- Evidence that the meetings of the team were held at a time and place convenient for the family.
- If reunification is the goal, evidence that the parent of removal was provided input on the members of the team.
- Evidence that the assessment was determined in conjunction with the team.
- Placement preferences of the team members and any reasons why the preferences of the team and child were not recommended
- Any determination by the QI that finds that the child's needs are met in the level of care provided for by a QRTP
- Judicial determination

Reviewing the QRTP Process – Case Plan Requirements

OAC 5101-2-38-05.1

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Reviewing the QRTP Process – Judicial Determination Hearing [OAC 5101: 2-42-12(E)]

- Court will review the assessment, determination, and documentation made by the qualified individual.
- The Court will determine if the needs of the child can be met through placement in a foster home, or, if not, whether the placement of the child in a QRTP provides the most effective and appropriate level of care for the child in the least restrictive environment.
- The Court will consider that placement is consistent with the short-term and long-term goals for the child as specified in the family case plan.
- The Court will approve or disapprove of the placement of the child in a QRTP.

OhioRISE & QRTP: Understanding the Intersection

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GUO We could use an image of the baseline eligibility for OhioRISE- I think it has been helpful for various groups we have presented to, to visually see that the threshold for OhioRISE eligibility is fairly low - it isn't just deep end kids. So that systems can appropriately anticipate which youth they serve that will have this intersect. I have images of the criteria if you would like to add that

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KLO 0 Great, I see you added that slide which is helpful.

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What is OhioRISE?

- Specialized managed care program for youth with complex behavioral health and multi-system needs.
- Based on a System of Care approach, OhioRISE aims to expand access to in-home and community-based services.
- ODM selected Aetna to serve as the OhioRISE plan and Aetna will contract with regional care management entities to connect OhioRISE members and families with the resources to navigate multiple systems.

Eligibility:

- Enrolled in Ohio Medicaid (either managed care or fee for service)
- Ages 0-20
- In need of significant behavioral health services
- Meet a functional needs threshold for behavioral health care as identified by the CANS.

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OhioRISE & QRTP: Understanding the Intersection

- All youth that are placed in a QRTP will be eligible for enrollment in OhioRISE. (Day One Group GU0 vs other eligible youth)
- If a youth received a CANS on or after April 1, 2022 recommending the level of care provided for by a QRTP, that youth is eligible for enrollment in OhioRISE and will be enrolled as of July 1, 2022, so long as the youth is Medicaid-Eligible.
- Other youth who are in the custody of a PCSA and/or involved with a IV-E court will also be eligible for enrollment into OhioRISE. PCSAs and IV-E courts have been instructed to identify youth in their custody who may be eligible and have been provided with a list of youth who may be eligible.
 - Youth with severe and persistent uncontrolled mental health or substance abuse disorder diagnosis.
 - Youth who will need behavioral health services and the agency has been unable to locate a service provider.
 - Youth who have a history of self harm.
 - Youth who have been in congregate care for 9 months or more.
 - Other youth specific needs requiring an enhanced level of care coordination or service provision.

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GU0 "Medicaid Eligible youth" that are placed in a QRTP will be eligible for enrollment in OhioRISE based on CANS scores in the decision support model.

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GU0 0 I added a picture of the baseline eligibility in the next slide- it is a low threshold to be eligible for OhioRISE

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		Treatment/Population Eligibility Need	Complexity
Baseline OhioRISE Eligibility & OhioRISE Care Coordination 1. Limited Criterion 1.1 AND (Criterion 1.2 OR Criterion 1.3)	1.1	At least one rating of '2' or '3' on any Behavioral/Emotional Need: – Psychosis – Impulsivity/Hyperactiv. – Depression – Anxiety – Oppositional Behavior – Conduct – Adjustment to Trauma – Anger Control – Substance Use – Eating Disturbance – Attachment Difficulties – Interpersonal Prob (14+)	1.2 At least one rating of '2' or '3' on any Risk Behavior: – Suicide Risk – NSSI Behavior – Other Self-Harm – Danger to Others – Delinquent Behavior – Runaway – Intentional Misbehavior – Fire Setting – Victimization/Exploit. – Sexually Probl Behavior
			1.3 At least one rating of '2' or '3' on the following Functioning Needs: – Family Functioning – Living Situation – Social Functioning – Sleep – School

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OhioRISE Services for Youth & Families

OhioRISE intends to provide individualized services informed by youth and their families. The care coordinator will develop the Child and Family Care Team that consists of the youth and both formal and natural supports. The Team develops the child and family-centered plan and continuously meets to address ongoing changes and needs of the youth and the family.

- Care Coordination
- Mobile Response and Stabilization Services
- Intensive Home-Based Treatment
- Behavioral Health Respite
- Primary Flex Funds
- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility

The CANS Assessment for QRTP & OhioRise

- OAC requires that for any youth placed in a QRTP an assessment is completed by the QI 30 days prior to the placement but no later than 30 days from the date of placement which includes either the Brief or Comprehensive CANS assessment. The QI will also have to generate a report addressing the other findings required by FFPSA and the OAC.
- Youth who have been identified as potentially eligible for OhioRISE, must have a Brief CANS assessment completed to determine eligibility. If the youth can be enrolled based upon this assessment, then within 30 days of enrollment, the OhioRISE care coordinator will have to arrange for the youth to complete a Comprehensive CANS with updates every 90 days of the youth's enrollment in OhioRise.
- The assessor completing the CANS assessments for OhioRISE might not be the same as the Qualified Individual completing the CANS for the QRTP process, but the same assessor could complete the CANS for both. The Family and Permanency Team does not have to be the same as the Child and Family Care team for OhioRISE but they could be the same.
- The Care Coordinator along with the IV-E Placing Agency, and the Court will need to manage these processes to reduce duplication of assessments and maximize services and treatment for the youth.

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Consider the case of Sammy

Brief CANS was completed by May 12, 2022 by the Qualified Individual.

Sammy will qualify to be enrolled in OhioRISE as of July 1, 2022.

12 June 2022

12 May 2022

1 July 2022

Judicial Determination approving QRTP must be completed by June 12, 2022.

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GU0 The child and family team will develop a "Child and Family Centered Care Plan" a co-created plan to help the child and family achieve their desired goals, like reunification and/or return to a family like setting.

The care coordinator will be responsible for regularly monitoring progress and organizing all of the providers and supports to assist in planning/return to the community planning process.

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GU0 0 Care Coordinators are also expected as outlined in ODM rule to conduct child and family team meetings either every 30 or every 60 days depending on their tier of care coordination. For youth placed outside the home, OhioRISE provides a consistent progress monitoring and planning process to youth across the State of Ohio.

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What happens next?

- A Care Coordinator will be assigned to Sammy who will create a Child and Family Care Team which will develop a Child and Family Centered Care Plan. The Team will convene every 30 or 60 days depending on the tier of care designated for the youth.
- The Care Coordinator will be responsible for regularly monitoring progress and organizing all providers and supports for the youth.
- The Care Coordinator will arrange for Sammy to complete the Comprehensive CANS assessment and all future updates.
- The Comprehensive CANS will be updated for Sammy every 90 days or whenever there is a change in circumstances.

How will these CANS updates impact Sam's placement, the PCSA, and the Court?

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QRTP Subsequent Reviews

When a child is placed in a QRTP, the IV-E Agency is to submit to the court the following at each SAR and Annual Review [OAC 5101: 2-42-12 (G)]

- Evidence that the ongoing assessment of the strengths and needs of the child continues to support the determination that the needs of the child cannot be met in a foster home.
- Documentation that the placement of the child in the QRTP provides the most effective level of care in the least restrictive environment
- Documentation of the specific treatment or service needs will be met for the child in the QRTP AND the length of time the child is expected to need the treatment or services
- Documentation of the efforts made by the IV-E Agency to prepare the child to return home or to be placed with a fit and willing kinship caregiver, legal guardian, adoptive parent, or foster home.

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Conducting the Subsequent QRTP Reviews

- Reviews can be completed administratively or in hearings.
- Reviews can be combined with existing hearings.
- An updated QI report and CANS assessment ARE NOT required for these reviews pursuant to FFPSA and the OAC.
- An amended case plan is not required for the review.
- The Court IS NOT approving or disapproving of the continual need for the level of care provided for by the QRTP. (Differs from the Toolkit)

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QRTP Subsequent Reviews



- The court is ONLY determining that the information has been properly documented by the IV-E Placing Agency.
- **Best Practice: The Court should generate an order indicating that these materials were provided to the Court which document the information required by the OAC rule.**
- Evidence of ongoing assessments and other documentation per the OAC rule can be:
 - Updated CANS assessments completed every 90 days per OhioRISE
 - Treatment/Progress notes from the QRTP facility or service providers
 - Information that has been detailed in the SAR
 - Information that has been detailed in the family case plan
 - Information that has been detailed in the Court Report.

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QRTP Subsequent Reviews

- Reviews held with SARs [OAC 5101:2-38-10]
- The PCSA shall complete the SAR no later than every 180 days from whichever of the following activities occurs first:
 - Date the original PCSA court complaint was filed.
 - Date of placement.
 - Date of court ordered protective supervision.
 - Date of parent, guardian, or custodian's signature on the "Family Case Plan" for in-home supportive services only

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Facts for Sammy

- A dispositional hearing regarding Sammy was held on June 1, 2022 and the Court combined that hearing with the QRTP initial review.
- The Court granted temporary custody to the child welfare agency through April 4, 2022 and approved the level of care provided for by the QRTP.
- The Court set an Annual Review for March 7, 2023.
- How will the Court conduct the Subsequent QRTP Reviews?

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In this order, the court should set all future QRTP reviews which can be hearings or be held administratively.

- The next QRTP review will be held in conjunction with the SAR scheduled no later than October 1, 2022.
- The next QRTP review will be held in conjunction with the AR scheduled on March 7, 2023.
- The next QRTP review will be held in conjunction with the SAR scheduled no later than March 30, 2023.

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The Relevance of Sammy's Age

- Sammy turns 13 on 8/13/22. [OAC 5101: 2-42-12 (H)]
 - For any child placed in a QRTP for more than 12 consecutive months or 18 non-consecutive months, or for any child who has not attained the age of 13 and is placed in a QRTP for more than 6 consecutive or non-consecutive months, the IV-E agency must document in the case record:
 - The most recent version of the evidence and documentation outlined in (G), and
 - The signed approval of the Title IV-E agency director for the continued placement of the child in the QRTP.



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