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Subject: CWSTF: Rec C11.4

Good afternoon,

I called Lori Ross from FosterAdoptConnect (FAC) and working group member regarding **C11.4** *The Department for Children and Families shall develop a program to diligently search for a foster child's relatives and kin for potential placement options and supports, finding at least 80 relatives within the first 30 days of the child entering state custody and identifying one kinship placement and at least one backup also referred to as the extreme recruitment model.* She provided the following clarification (and I have also copied her on this email):

- The number 80 was derived by the persons who developed the Extreme Recruitment model. *FAC states "tries to find 80." Also, FAC has seen more than 80 in majority of cases.*
- This is a separate, contracted service and not completed by the agency. *In Missouri, CPS contracts with family resource centers (like FAC). A recruiter completes these searches and usually has a caseload of 1-3 cases at a time because work is intensive. These recruiters also complete about three mini home studies after about two weeks of searching and presents information to inform placement possibilities.*
- It is costly, so could consider prioritizing children. *FAC has two models – Extreme Recruitment and 30 Days to Family. The primary focus for Extreme Recruitment is on older (12-17 years old) children and sibling groups with existing behavioral and emotional problems who have been deemed "hard to place." 30 Days to Family has a much wider focus related to its target population; which includes all children entering or re-entering foster care on the Missouri side of the Greater Kansas City Area.*

Here is a link to the Extreme Recruitment model from the FAC site: <https://www.fosteradopt.org/independence-mo/programs/extreme-recruitment/>

Also, a link to the 30 Days to Family: <https://www.fosteradopt.org/30-days-to-family/>

Hope this helps,
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