

Sec. E.323 REACH UP CASE MANAGEMENT REVIEW AND

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(a) On or before October 2019, the Secretary of Human Services shall report to Joint Legislative Child Protection Oversight Committee and make recommendations on how Reach Up Case Management services can be more effectively directed to strengthen families and promote parental responsibilities. This report shall:

(1) outline the current components of the statutorily required Individualized Family Development Plan;

(2) identify what modifications are required to ensure a comprehensive assessment of the family's strengths and service needs is completed so that the family's individualized plan adequately addresses the nurturing and care of the children;

(3) review how families at risk of involvement in the child welfare system are identified and protocols for providing the preventive and upstream services to so that children can remain safely at home; and

(4) examine current practices of serving Reach Up families such as home visiting and referrals to enhance parental care and family stability.

(b) It is legislative intent that, within the Department for Children and Families, Reach Up case management engage with community-based service providers, including parent child centers, in a manner consistent with the principles referenced in 1994 Acts and Resolves No. 106.