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**Topic:** Child welfare cases involving DD parents

**Subject:** CIRT Audit Point

**Applies to (check all that apply):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees                        | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors       |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers               | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):              |

**Message:**

A recent critical incident highlighted a gap in resources for some families being served by Child Welfare. In particular, in the situation where one or both of the parents have an intellectual or developmental disability, it is sometimes difficult to assess their parenting capacity. In some cases, when Child Welfare has identified the need to help these parents with parenting skills, it is not clear what resources are available to support these families.

CAF, in collaboration with SPD, has compiled the following resources to assist child welfare workers when working with parents who have developmental disabilities:

1. A list of [Eligibility Specialists](#) in each county who are able to consult and assist in finding services for DD clients;
2. A limited list of [community programs or individual providers](#) who can provide parenting education and training for this population;
3. A list of [psychologists](#) with experience assessing both adults and children with developmental disabilities and
4. [Questions](#) a worker may consider asking when working with a DD parent.

*If you have any questions about this information, contact:*

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