| Please submit your status update (and supporting materials) to MACSSA staff at least one week prior to monthly meetings. |
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| **Topic Name** | Child Well-Being |
| **Topic Owner(s) / Content Expert(s)** | Suzanne Arntson/Brenda Mahoney |
| **Month and Year for status update**  | **Choose Month in drop down**January | **Choose Year in drop down**2018 |
| **Key Highlights in this topic area for the month** |
| The Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI) is continuing to gain momentum. This is an approach developed by the Youth Law Center to strengthen foster care within communities. The Steering Committee met on January 10, 2018. Highlights include continuation of recruitment and discussion around key audience and communication for QPI. Aspire, MN has a dedicated web page and use of social media will be explored down the road. There is a National Conference next week in New Orleans in which 50 participants from MN will be in attendance. QPI will be doing a workshop at the MSSA Conference and is looking for other avenues to get the word out. An update was provided on the work of the action workgroups and also a decision that more action workgroups will be implemented.  |
| **Requested Actions needed from MACSSA in the next month** |
| QPI is still in need of more County representation. Also, representation from birthparents, youth and GAL’s is lacking. The MACSSA request for participation in workgroup was sent out. |
| **APPARENT TRENDS IN THIS TOPIC AREA** |
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| **Issues/Concerns regarding this topic this month** |
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| **Legislative Impacts** |
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| **Bulletins, Publications, or supporting materials to be included with this update**  |
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