

5.2- I advocated for a foster child in a CFTM / IRP meeting this week. This foster youth will turn 14 later in the month and would like the team to stop actively looking for adoptive homes. The policy states that youth can decide if they want to be adopted or not once they are 14. This particular youth has lived in a foster home for three years and feels they are family. The home is prepared to sign a PPLA contract once the youth turns 16 and plans to have the youth as part of their forever family. They just do not want to adopt since they have adopted multiple times over the last 15 years. The youth stated she is scared at the idea of having to meet new families and does not want to be separated from her current foster family. 6.1 - I spent time reviewing evidence-based approaches concerning a client that has autism and severe separation anxiety. I collaborated with my field instructor and many other therapists to create a detailed action plan for the individual client and her family. Home and family structure will be the primary focus in the initial phases of the action plan. I will also spend more time learning details about Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) to incorporate in therapeutic interventions. 7.1