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Outstanding Issues:

- ① No Remote Teams - disbanded 2008
- ② No Specific / Targetted / Uniform Remote Model of Practice - usually, Urban, Adhoc & constantly changing (as per Staff/Management turnover) Rogue practice.
- ③ Need for a Specific Reunification Team That does not carry day to day case load & Reunification needs to run parallel with case management.
- ④ Supervision - Lack there of - usually administrative never professional development based Supervision should be outsourced
- ⑤ Staff turnover - "burns on seat mentality," i.e. short contracts, financial inducements, unqualified propensity for nepotism / "cronyism" → low moral for "longtermers"
- ⑥ Excessive Case load - poor practice, burnout, shame, high turnover, hi stress levels

Remote Team:

a) Reintroduce Generic Remote Team
b) Community Development Model not
Just forensic i.e. i.e. supportive and
preventative principles implicit

c) Fully resourced and located at Remote Health
(i.e. to develop remote professional networks/supports)

The Current model/practice where No CP Teams
investigates Urban & Remote notifications is
total, forensic and does not allow for No
development of

① Community engagement

② Developing of networks and support systems

(i.e. potential prevention) with community professionals.

③ Positive relationship between families &

'welfare' i.e. The current model of fly in fly out reinforces
No idea that welfare is punitive and reactive only. i.e.
builds on & reinforces "Stolen Generation" psyche amongst
Recipients. — Disempowers rather than strengthens or
help facilitate change.

