Title IV-E Candidate for Family First Prevention Services (FFPS) Program Eligibility

Funding
Family First Prevention Services will be reimbursed through the Family First Transition Act funds, state General Revenue Fund (GRF), and eventually Title IV-E monies. At this time, no county funding is required.

Candidacy Eligibility
1. Screened-in report.
2. Not in the care and placement/custody of a Title IV-E agency.
3. At imminent risk of removal, and one of the following apply:
   a. Open in-home children services case and is receiving services.
   b. Siblings and other children in the home of a child in foster care who are:
      i. Living with the parent(s) or kinship caregiver(s) who the child in foster care was removed from;
      ii. Participants on an open case with a goal of reunification for the child who is in foster care with the removal parent(s) or kinship caregiver(s).
   c. Siblings and other children in the home of a child who has experienced a screened-in fatality or near fatality with a substantiated or indicated disposition and has assessed safety factors and risk contributors.
   d. Children who have discharged from the care and placement/custody and achieved permanency within the last twelve months and the parent(s) or kinship caregiver(s) agrees to ongoing services.
   e. Children who have been adopted within the last twelve months and there are assessed safety factors and risk contributors.
   f. Children who are at risk of experiencing an adoption dissolution.
4. Pregnant or parenting youth in foster care in need of prevention services, including those youth who are in extended foster care.
6. Parent(s) or kinship caregiver(s) of eligible candidates. Kinship caregiver(s) has the same meaning as in section 5101.85 of the revised code.

Program Requirements
FFPS are to be provided to eligible candidates, as well as, their parent(s) or kinship caregiver(s) based on the following:
1. At least one of the allowable types of prevention services (mental health, substance abuse, in-home parenting skills) should be identified in the family case plan or prevention services plan.
2. The allowable prevention services must be rated as promising, supported or well-supported by the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse.
3. The allowable prevention services are identified in the state's five-year FFPS plan. Current services include Multisystemic Therapy (MST), Functional Family Therapy (FFT), Ohio START, Healthy Families America (HFA), and Parents As Teachers (PAT).
4. The allowable prevention services are provided by an Ohio Department of Job & Family Services (ODJFS) approved provider.

Eligibility Ends

1. When the child/young adult no longer meets eligibility requirements.
2. When the Title IV-E agency assumes the care and placement/custody of the child.

Center of Excellence

1. The role of the COE will be to assist Ohio in system transformation efforts by providing technical assistance, training, professional development, coaching, consultation, evaluation, fidelity monitoring, and continuous quality improvement to build and sustain capacity in delivering evidence-based practices to fidelity within a system of care framework.
2. The COE will assess statewide need for Multisystemic Therapy (MST) and Functional Family Therapy (FFT) in order to promote statewide access to these services.
3. The COE will build capacity by leveraging the existing provider network and contracts across systems and departments; identify gaps in access/availability of these services.
4. The COE will utilize a subgrantee, the Ohio Children’s Alliance, to coordinate the Family First Prevention Services payment support for MST and FFT.
5. Family First Prevention Services Support
   - Responsible for making the payments for MST and FFT when those services are provided under the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) and other funding (e.g., Medicaid, Title IV-E) is not available.

ODJFS – Office of Families and Children

1. The role of the Office of Families and Children (OFC) will be to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to coordinate Healthy Families America (HFA) and Parents as Teachers (PAT) referrals and payments through the Ohio SACWIS system.
2. The role of OFC will be to contract with the Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO) for continuation of the Ohio Sobriety Treatment and Reducing Trauma (START) program as well as providing additional financial payment support, through Ohio SACWIS, to utilize GRF funds for the provision of the START.