



Family First Prevention Services Act

Prevention Activities

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New Federal Funding for Prevention Activities under Title IV-E

Who may be eligible?

- ✓ Children who are imminent risk of removal – including adoption arrangements at risk of disruption
- ✓ Pregnant and parenting youth in foster care
- ✓ Parents
- ✓ Kinship Caregivers

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- ✓ Families not required to meet traditional income-based IV-E eligibility.
- ✓ Time-limited (12 months – no limit on the number of times a child or family can receive prevention services)
- ✓ Begins the day a child is determined a candidate or when a pregnant or parenting youth is in need of services
- ✓ Requires a 'Prevention Plan' for the child
- ✓ Can receive services for contiguous period if documented in child's prevention plan and meets the federal requirements

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Prevention Plan Elements—

- ✓ Identify if child is a candidate or pregnant or parenting youth

Candidate –

- ✓ Identify the foster care prevention strategy for the child
- ✓ List the services to be provided

Pregnant or Parenting Youth –

- ✓ Must be included in the youth's foster care case plan
- ✓ List the services to be provided
- ✓ Describe the foster care prevention strategy for any child born to the youth

Meet age requirement



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What kinds of services?

- ✓ Mental health prevention and treatment services
- ✓ Substance abuse prevention and treatment services
- ✓ In-home parent skills-based programs

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Trauma informed approach to service delivery

Services must meet evidence-based standards to qualify for federal IV-E reimbursement

- ✓ Promising
- ✓ Supported
- ✓ Well-supported (50% in this category)

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Federal Program Instruction ACYF-CB-PI-18-09 – November 30, 2018

Initial Clearinghouse List – Met two of the following conditions:

1. Recommended by state or local government administrators;
2. Rated by California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse;
3. Evaluated by IV-E Waiver Demonstrations;
4. Recipient of a Family connection Discretionary Grant;
5. Recommendation from federal partners in ACF or other federal offices



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Mental Health Prevention Services and Programs

- ✓ Parent-Child Interaction Therapy
- ✓ Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- ✓ Multisystemic Therapy
- ✓ Functional Family Therapy



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Substance Abuse Prevention Services and Programs

- ✓ Motivational Interviewing
- ✓ Multisystemic Therapy
- ✓ Families Facing the Future
- ✓ Methadone Maintenance Therapy



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In-Home Parent Skill-Based Prevention Services and Programs

- ✓ Nurse-Family Partnership
- ✓ Healthy Families America
- ✓ Parents as Teachers



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- ✓ Requires a state to submit a prevention and services program plan as part of the state's Title IV-E plan
- ✓ Requires the plan to include a number of components such as a description of how the state will administer the program, determine eligibility, train caseworkers and numerous other items.
- ✓ Once the IV-E plan is approved

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Reimbursement rates for prevention activities are:

- Beginning October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2026, FFP is 50%
- Beginning October 1, 2026, FFP is the state's FMAP rate.
- At least 50% of the spending in every fiscal year must be for well-supported practices.

States who opt to administer a prevention program also may claim Title IV-E reimbursement for administrative costs at 50% and training costs at 50% - these costs are “delinked” from AFDC so not related to the income eligibility of the child or their family.

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What's Next? Federal Level

- ✓ Clearinghouse procedures published - Spring 2019
- ✓ Additional Evidence Based Programs to be added –Summer 2019
- ✓ Roadmap Prevention Services Components

Key Decisions to be Addressed in the State Plan for Prevention Services

Child and Family's Prevention Plan

- Definition of Candidacy for Foster Care
- Determination and documentation of eligibility of children, parents and kin for prevention services
- Prevention plan integration into case plan for pregnant or parenting youth in care
- Plan for monitoring child safety while prevention services are being provided

Development of Statewide Service Array

- Inventory of current evidence-based services (MH, Substance Abuse & Parenting) and level of evidence demonstrated (will inform state MOE determination), to include those currently in line to be recognized under FFPSA and those that are likely to be recognized in the future.
- Process for state assurance of services as trauma-informed – how will we define and monitor that services meet this requirement?
- Process for ongoing review to ensure fidelity to evidence-based service model for established services
- Expansion of the availability of evidence-based services – evaluation plan to establish new services

Workforce Considerations

- Workforce training and other professional development needs
- Workforce capacity/caseload considerations