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Tana Senn
Secretary
Department of Children, Youth, and Families
1500 Jefferson St SE
Olympia, Washington 98501

Dear Secretary Senn,

Thank you for submitting Washington's title IV-E prevention program five-year plan.

Plan Approval

We are pleased to notify you that Washington's title IV-E prevention program five-year plan (five-year plan) has been found to be in compliance with applicable federal statutory and regulatory requirements. Washington's five-year plan is approved as outlined below. An amendment must be submitted any time there is a substantial change to information in the approved plan.

Washington's five-year plan is effective from **October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2029**. Please maintain this approval letter as a part of the final, approved plan.

Approval of Services under the Title IV-E Prevention Program

Pursuant to sections 471(e)(1) and 471(e)(5)(B)(iii) of the Act, states may claim reimbursement for services and programs provided in accordance with promising, supported, or well-supported practices as rated by the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse. In addition, section 471(e)(5)(B)(iii)(II) of the Act requires the state to describe how each program and service will be evaluated through a well-designed and rigorous evaluation strategy (unless waived for a well-supported practice rated by the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse) and continuously monitored. CB has approved the following allowable programs and services as part of Washington's plan:

Nurse-Family Partnership
Parents as Teachers
Homebuilders
Functional Family Therapy
Multisystemic Therapy
Parent-Child Interaction Therapy
Motivational Interviewing

Child-Parent Psychotherapy
Promoting First Relationships
SafeCare
Family Spirit
Incredible Years – School Age Basic Program
Incredible Years – Toddler Basic Program
Triple P – Positive Parenting Program – Standard (Level 4)

Title IV-E prevention program federal financial participation claims must be for allowable costs on behalf of eligible program participants and may be submitted for applicable periods beginning no earlier than the above listed plan effective date. Additionally, all program costs other than payments for provision of prevention services directly to program recipients must be identified in an approved public assistance cost allocation plan as per federal regulations at 45 CFR §1356.60(c). This cost allocation plan may have an effective date that is the same or later than the title IV-E prevention program five-year plan, depending on when submitted and the approval granted. For state title IV-E agencies, a public assistance cost allocation plan (PACAP) amendment must be submitted addressing title IV-E prevention program administrative costs in accordance with applicable regulations at §95.509(a)(3).

Approval of Request for Waiver of Evaluation Requirements

Pursuant to section 471(e)(5)(C)(ii) of the Act, the requirement for a well-designed and rigorous evaluation of any well-supported practice rated by the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse may be waived if the evidence of effectiveness of the practice is deemed compelling and the continuous monitoring requirements of Section 471(e)(5)(B)(iii)(II) are met. CB approves Washington’s request for waiver of the evaluation requirement for the following approved services:

Nurse-Family Partnership
Parents as Teachers
Homebuilders
Functional Family Therapy
Multisystemic Therapy
Parent-Child Interaction Therapy
Motivational Interviewing

Data Collection and Reporting Requirements

Pursuant to Section 471(e)(4)(E) of the Act, states electing the title IV-E prevention program are required to collect and report on child-specific data to HHS for each child who receives title IV-E prevention services. Washington has provided an assurance that the state will collect and submit information and data as the Secretary may require with respect to title IV-E prevention and family services and programs, including information and data necessary to determine the performance measures. Data element details are provided in Revised [Technical Bulletin #1](#). Title IV-E Prevention Program Data submission timelines are provided in [Technical Bulletin #2](#).

Payer of Last Resort

In approving the title IV-E prevention program five-year plan, we remind states that section 471(e)(10)(C) of the Act requires that title IV-E is the payer of last resort for services allowable under the title IV-E prevention program. This means that if public or private program providers (such as private health insurance or Medicaid) would pay for a service allowable under the title IV-E prevention program, those providers have the responsibility to pay for these services before the title IV-E agency is required to pay.

The title IV-E prevention program is part of the Children’s Bureau’s broader vision of advancing national efforts that strengthen the capacity of families to nurture and provide for the well-being of their children. We look forward to working together with you to implement the title IV-E prevention program as part of the broader vision, and to meet our shared goal of keeping families healthy, together and strong.

For any question or concerns you may have, please contact the Children’s Bureau at ivepreventionprogram@acf.hhs.gov.

We wish to thank you and your staff for your work and wish you all the best in implementing your important plan.

Sincerely,



Ryan Hanlon
Associate Commissioner
Children’s Bureau

Enclosures: Plan Submission Certification, Program Reporting Assurance, Requests for Waiver of Evaluation Requirements, Assurance of Trauma Informed Service Delivery

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