Department of Children,Youth, and Families

Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)

Prevention

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Family First Prevention Services Act (2018)

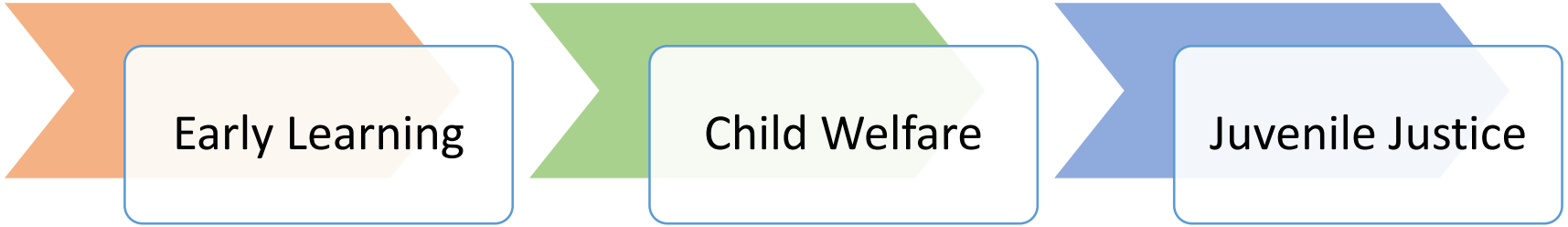
- Time-limited foster care prevention program and services
- Criminal record and registry checks for adults working in institutions
- Foster Care maintenance payments for children with parents in a licensed residential family-based treatment facility for substance abuse
- Evidence-Based Kinship Navigator Programs
- Qualified Residential Treatment Program (group home) requirements
- Steps to Track and Prevent Child Maltreatment Deaths
- Electronic interstate case-processing system
- Others

HB 1661

Sec. 101 (1)(b)

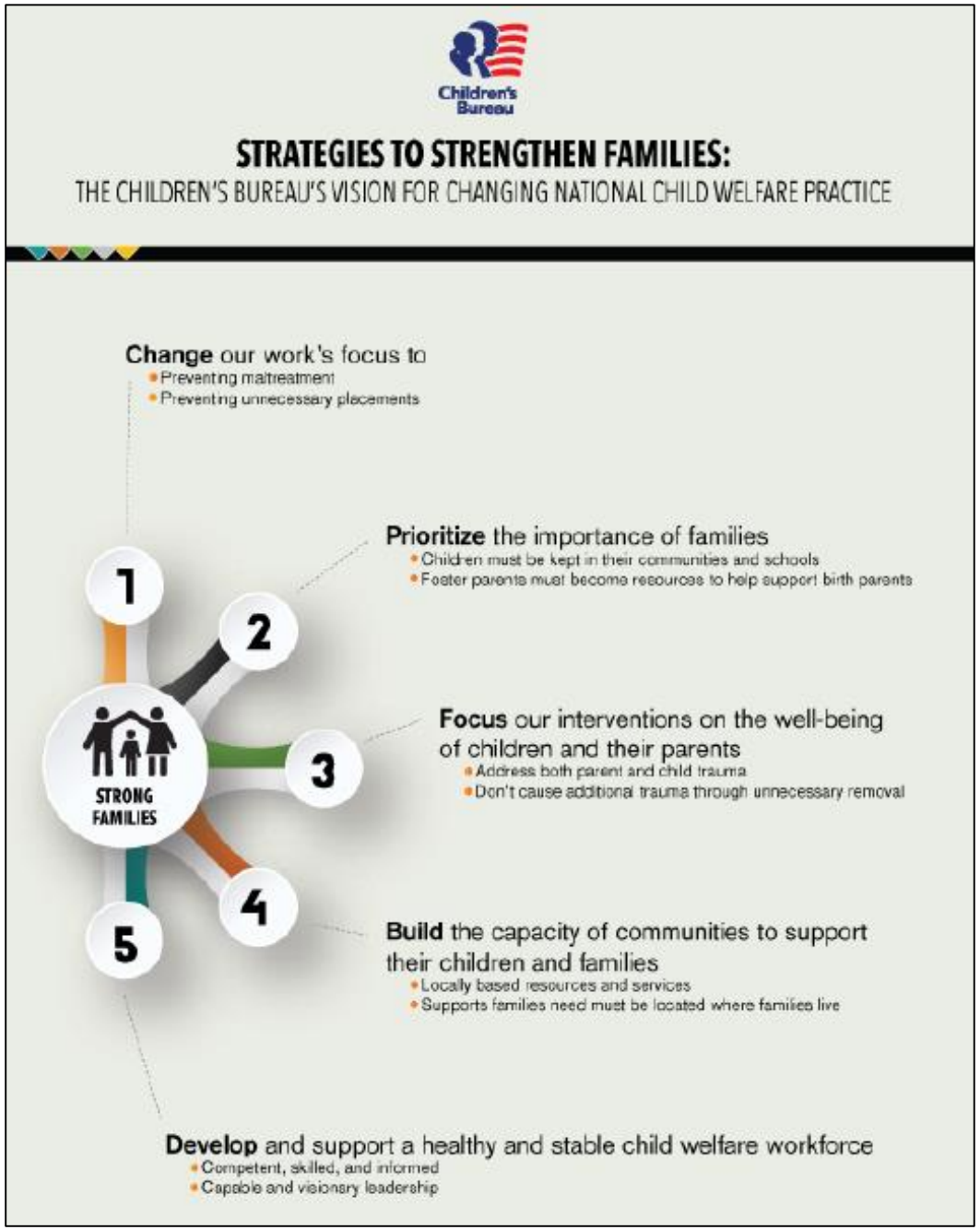
The department, in partnership with state and local agencies, tribes, and communities, shall protect children and youth from harm and promote healthy development with effective, high quality prevention, intervention, and early educational services delivered in an equitable manner.

DCYF Prevention Framework



- Prevention all along the DCYF continuum of services
- Primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention
- Prevention services provided both voluntary and court-involved c/y/f
- Prevention at multiple levels – individual, family, community
- Informed by the voices of children, youth, and families
- Informed by data and evidence
- Prevention to address disparities and disproportionalities
- Early learning is prevention
- Endorse Children's Bureau vision for child welfare: "Strategies to Strengthen Families"

- Children's Bureau vision for child welfare practice
- https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/resource/cb-vision-infographic



FFPSA Prevention Services

1. **Title IV-E funding**
2. **Time-limited, 12-months**
3. **Evidence-Based Programs**
   a. New clearinghouse – well-supported, supported, promising

      (definitions same as California Evidence-Based Clearinghouse for Child Welfare)

   b. Allowable program types: Mental health treatment, in-home parenting, substance abuse treatment & prevention
4. **Candidacy**
   a. Imminent risk of entry or re-entry into foster care
   b. Prevention Plan
5. **Restrictions/requirements**
   a. 50% prevention dollars must go to “well-supported”, all claimed must be at least “promising”
   b. Training and state administration are allowable costs
   c. Non-federal Maintenance of Effort requirements

Examples of DCYF-funded Evidence-Based Programs

Early Learning		
Parents as Teachers	In-home parenting	Promising
ECLIPSE	Mental health treatment	Supported (Childhaven)
Child Welfare		
Incredible Years	In-home parenting	Well-supported
Functional Family Therapy	Mental health treatment	Supported
Juvenile Justice		
Aggression Replacement Therapy	Mental health treatment	Promising
Multi-System Therapy	Mental health treatment	Well-supported

DCYF 2-Phased Approach to Candidacy

Still forming specific groups

1. **Phase I**
   - Families in Family Assessment Response (FAR) (>16,000 children CY 2017; WSIPP 9.8% services)
   - Families in CPS Investigation (>19,000 children in CY 2017; estimate <7% services)
   - Families in CPS Family Voluntary Svs
   - Children/families on trial return home following placement (~450 children in FY 2018)
   - Substance abusing pregnant women, screened out CPS referrals (estimate ~700/year)
   - Children/families served by ECLIPSE (expansion up to ~ 3,500/year)
   - Adoptions experiencing challenges (N unknown)
2. **Phase II**
   - Additional families w/screened out CPS referrals, subset
   - Kinship care, subset
   - Youth referred for Family Reconciliation Services (~3,600 in FY 2018)
   - Youth/families JR discharge <18 (~450 in FY 2018)
   - Statistical prediction/need for prevention in very high need communities (??)
   - Others (??)

Next Steps:

1. Four general community input sessions
   - Yakima - Nov 8th
   - Spokane - Nov 26th
   - South King County (GRCC) - Dec 10th
   - Pierce County (BTC) - Dec 18th
2. Same discussion with multiple existing DCYF Advisory bodies
3. Feedback to agency leadership and internal agency workgroup
4. Submit Decision Package with budget estimates by end of December
5. Agency request legislation to enable enactment of multiple FFPSA provisions
6. Work with legislature during session
7. Align and submit FFPSA Prevention Plan with Child and Family Services Plan in June 2019
8. Continued planning for implementation
9. Hope to have authorization to start implementing Phase I candidacy groups by November 2019

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How have agencies moved from evidence to action?

An exploration of evidence-based practice implementation to support preparation for Family First

Webinar series

In support of and in preparation for implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act, Casey Family Programs is hosting a two-part national webinar series: ***How have agencies moved from evidence to action?*** The webinars will detail how two jurisdictions have approached the installation and spread of evidence-based interventions. Sessions will cover key considerations, experiences and lessons learned with data-gathering and needs assessment, intervention selection, and funding, as well as implementation, evaluation and sustainability.

Session One – Prevention, October 29, 2018

This webinar details New York City's Administration for Children's Services' introduction of 11 evidence-based and evidence-informed practice models into its continuum of preventive services.

Casey Family Programs

https://www.casey.org/evidence-to-action/

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Family First Prevention Services Act

On February 9, 2018, the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), was signed into law with a goal to enhance public child welfare agencies, while creating new opportunities for states to receive federal funding for early intervention and prevention services. The new legislation will also implement changes to the structure of Title IV-E funding, the primary funding stream for

https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/practice/performance-improvement/ffpsa

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Questions?

Thank you!

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