

The Family First Prevention Services Act



Family First Prevention Services Act Overview

Federally Reimbursable types of Foster care:

- Foster Family Home must have no more than 6 children in foster care, with some exceptions, such as sibling placement
- Facilities for pregnant and parenting youth
- Supervised independent living for youth 18 years and older
- Specialized placements for youth who are victims of or at-risk of becoming victims of sex trafficking
- Youth placed with parent(s) in a Substance Use Treatment Center
- High quality and necessary congregate care - QRTP

For Preventative Services the law impacts:

- Substance abuse prevention and treatment for children and parents
- Mental health treatment for children and parents
- Intensive parent skill-building programs
 - Parent skills
 - Parent education
 - Individual and family counseling



Enhancing the placement array

Continued efforts to reduce the use of Congregate Care

- AHCCCS/DCS are collaborating with technical assistance from Casey Family Programs on improving Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC)
 - Policy is complete and ready for public comment
 - Improvements on TFC training underway
- DCS contract changes with licensing agencies incentivize and provide fiscal supports for placement of older youth into foster homes
 - Will compensate foster families and agency 2x standard for youth over 12
 - Looking to continue partnering with licensing agencies for recruitment, placement and supports with needs of foster care population



Enhancing the Placement Array

Development of Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTPs)

- Contract award for Group Homes defined several specialized cohort groups
 - Structured
 - Medically Fragile
 - Sexually Maladaptive
 - Significant Trauma
- Awarded grants to assist specialized cohort GH providers in becoming a QRTP
 - 7 early adopted providers awarded to develop programs
- Policy for QRTP qualifications and Office of Licensing Review oversight is complete and in review with stake holders



Developing Qualifying Prevention Programs

- *Arizona Families First (A.F.F.)* – feedback from stakeholders and providers is that A.F.F. Substance Abuse Treatment continues to be an effective program
- Jan 2019 - Completed program GAP analysis
- February-March 2019 – Completed trauma-informed review and analysis
- April-September 2019 – Revise practice model based on best practice and complete Policy Manual updates
 - New model includes treatment of Birth Parent, Youth and Family component
 - Finalizing list of treatments that will be included in the treatment array
- October-November 2019 – Finalize scope of work and conduct fiscal analysis
- December 2019-March 2020 – Conduct RFP and award contracts



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- *In Home Preservation* – Service is a staple of the array that prevents children from entering care where the Department is involved

