



Family First Prevention Services Act

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FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT

Two major components of the new law

1. Prevention Services:

New optional program for states and tribes to get federal funds to help prevent placing children in foster care

2. Improve the Quality of Foster Care:

For those children who cannot remain safely at home, there are new federal policies to ensure appropriate placements; if a state does not comply, it will have to use pure state/local dollars to pay for certain kinds of foster care

Without regard to income, families can have access to these federally reimbursed services for up to 12 months with no limit on how many times



Substance abuse prevention and treatment for children and parents



Mental Health services for children and parents



Intensive parent skill-building programs

- a) Parent Skills
- b) Parent Education
- c) Individual and family counseling

Big opportunities for child welfare

Pre-2018 federal law

Most federal \$\$ for foster care

Services only for child

Income test to qualify

No \$\$ for child placed with parent in residential treatment

\$\$ for children placed in group care with little oversight

Family First Act

New federal \$\$ for prevention

Prevention for parents, child and kinship caregivers

No income test

12 months of federal \$\$ for such placements

No \$\$ unless placements are quality settings and appropriate