



Family First Prevention Services Act

Implementation Considerations

Federal Partners

What is your plan for negotiating change with the Regions?

Examples of Issues where Regions may Differ

- Definition of Reasonable Candidates
- Definition of Prevention Plan
- Identification of MOE
- Assignment of Responsibility for Assessments
- Coordination with Other Agencies to Prevent Misdiagnosis
- Overlap with Medicaid

Federal Partners – Plan for Conflict

Connect with state leaders in other Regions so you know when your Region is taking an unusually difficult position.

Have a plan to escalate grievances with Regional approvers to Children's Bureau in DC.

Branches of Government

What is your Legislative strategy?

How are you engaging Judges?

Examples of Needed Conversations

- Legislative
 - Will you need additional funding to:
 - Expand EBPs?
 - Evaluate current practices to increase the evidence base?
 - Monitor implementation (fidelity, etc)
 - Increase residential program rates to cover new QRTP requirements?
 - Pay for provide accreditation?
 - Do you anticipate a decrease in revenue due to:
 - Restrictions on congregate care?
 - Exit from a federal waiver?
 - Do you need changes to state laws or to the Medicaid program?
- Judges
 - Judges are required to undergo training to receive Court Improvement Grants
 - Judges will need to approve QRTP placements – and not direct placements that are different from the recommendations of the assessments.

Interagency Coordination

Have you engaged the
Medicaid agency in
planning for Family First?

What's Medicaid got to do with it?

- EBPs for Mental Health, In Home Support, and some SUD prevention and treatment are often funded by Medicaid, depending on the state plan.
 - When will the state fund with Title IV-E vs Medicaid? How will those decisions be made?
- QRTPs will be providing treatment services. How will these services be funded?
- Does the IMD exclusion apply to QRTPs?

Organizing for Change

What is your governance model for implementation?

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Executive Leadership Team

Provide high level oversight; obtain resources; set expectations that align to strategy; communicate about the effort

Advisory Group(s)

Provide additional input and insights; review draft work products

Change Team

Manage change effort; maintain hands-on responsibility for change efforts during and after the facilitated process

Work Team I

Complete specific, time-limited tasks

Work Team II

Work Team III





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