



# Family First Prevention Services Act Opportunities

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# What are the problems that Family First tries to solve?

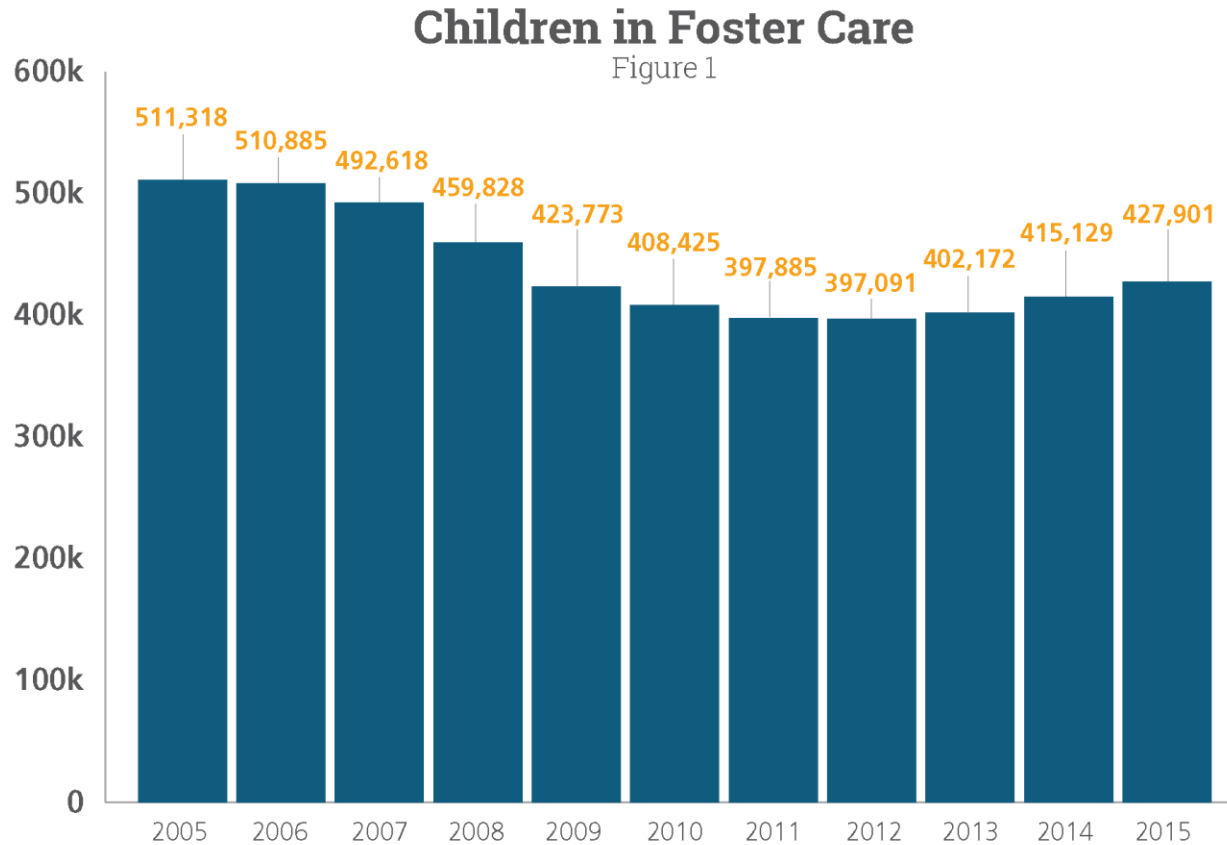


Figure 1 Annie E Casey Foundation,  
<http://www.aecf.org/blog/americas-foster-care-population-grew-for-third-straight-year/>

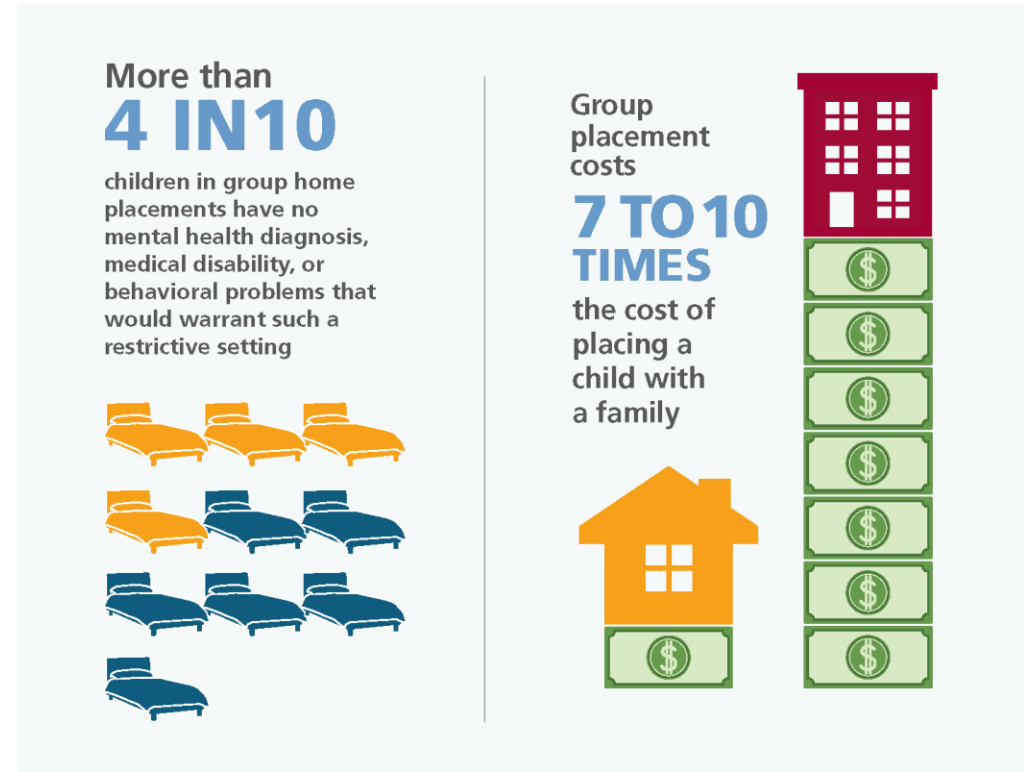


Figure 2 Annie E Casey Foundation,  
<http://www.aecf.org/m/resourcedoc/aecf-EveryKidNeedsAFamily-2015.pdf>

# What does Family First do?

## Prevention Services

- ✓ Child is identified as a candidate for foster care
  - ✓ at imminent risk for removal from family or at risk of adoption/guardianship disruption
  - ✓ in prevention plan
- ✓ Child in foster care who is pregnant or parenting
- ✓ Prevention plan authorizes prevention services
  - ✓ Mental Health prevention and treatment
  - ✓ Substance Use Disorder prevention and treatment
  - ✓ In Home Family Support
  - ✓ Maximum of 12 months
- ✓ The prevention services have an evidence base
  - ✓ Well-supported
  - ✓ Supported
  - ✓ Promising
- ✓ The prevention services are provided under a Trauma Informed framework
- ✓ A Maintenance of Effort Requirement is met
- ✓ Coordination with other relevant agencies occurs

## Qualified Residential Treatment Program

- ✓ Independent assessment must be conducted and documented in the treatment plan within 30 days of the placement is made stating the need for this type of placement.
- ✓ Documentation of continued need for placement must be submitted in every status hearing or permanency hearing
- ✓ The program has:
  - ✓ Trauma Informed treatment model
  - ✓ Registered or Licensed Nursing and Clinical Staff available on call
  - ✓ Licensed according to state standards and Accredited by CARF, JCAHO, COA, etc.
  - ✓ Discharge Planning and Family-Based Aftercare Support for at least 6 Months
- ✓ Family members must be engaged in a child's treatment, if in their best interests and outreach and engagement of family, including siblings, must be documented.
- ✓ If the child is in a QRTP for a length of stay more than 12 consecutive months or 18 nonconsecutive months, or when a child under age 13 has a length of stay of more than 6 consecutive or non-consecutive months, the State agency must submit to HHS:
  - The most recent versions of case plan documentation, and
  - The signed approval by the head of the State agency for continued placement.

# What is the work ahead?



**New processes  
and procedures  
for prevention  
and for QRTP**



**State law  
changes, State plan  
amendments**

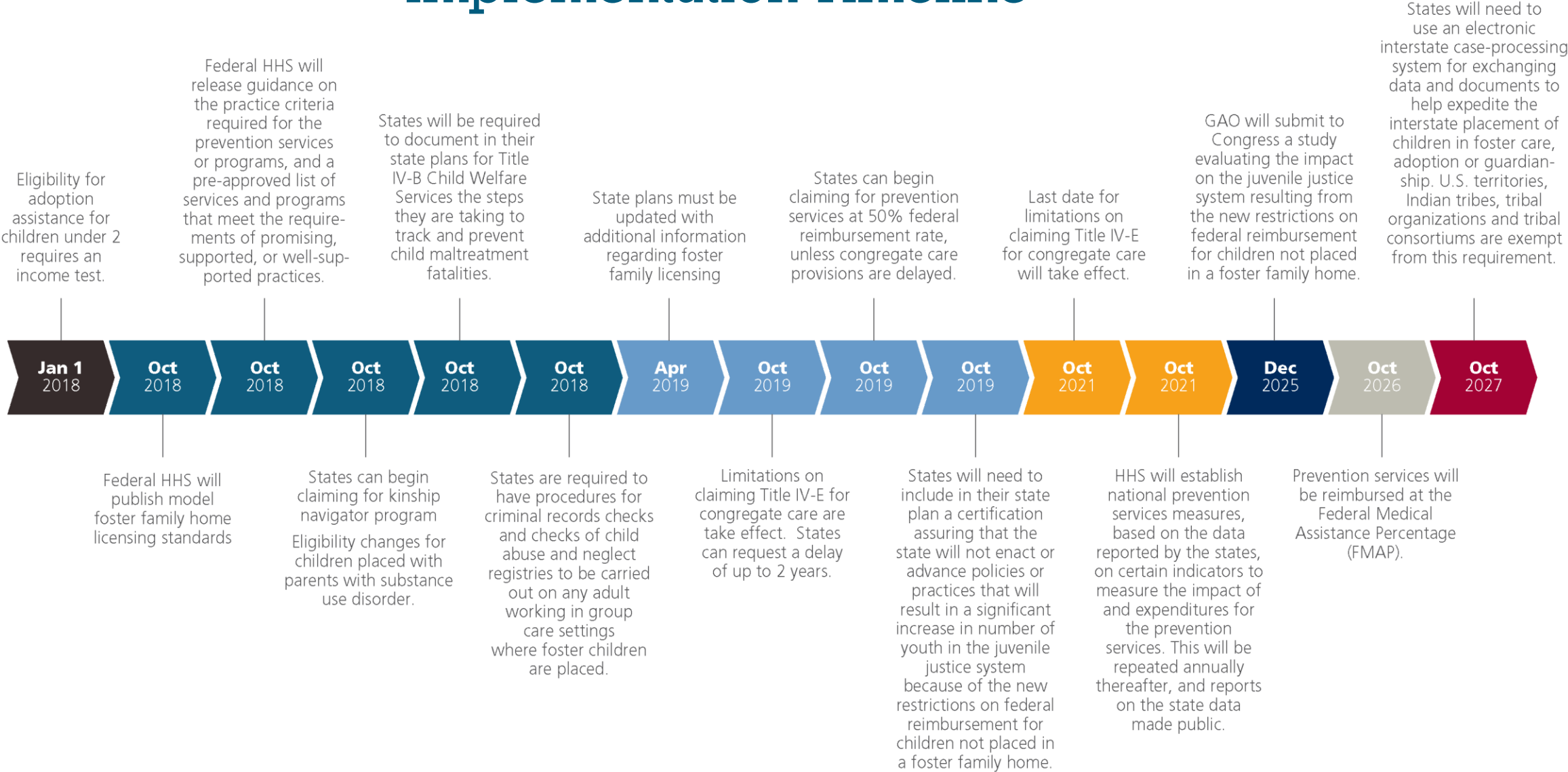


**Reporting  
Changes**



**CCWIS/Technology  
changes**

# Implementation Timeline



# REGRET MININIMIZATION FRAMEWORK

IN X YEARS, WILL I REGRET NOT DOING THIS?

YES  
(DO IT!)

No  
(DON'T BOTHER)



**START  
SMALL**

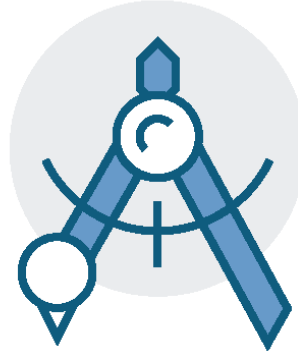


————— **Don't wait to make your first moves:** —————

**Identify**  
who's in charge



**Align** the requirements  
with your vision



**Create** an  
implementation plan





## In your folder:

- Family First Prevention Services Act Summary (detailed)
- ACYF Information Memorandum ACYF-CB-IM-18-02
- Are you ready to implement the Family First Prevention Services Act?
- Implementation Timeline