

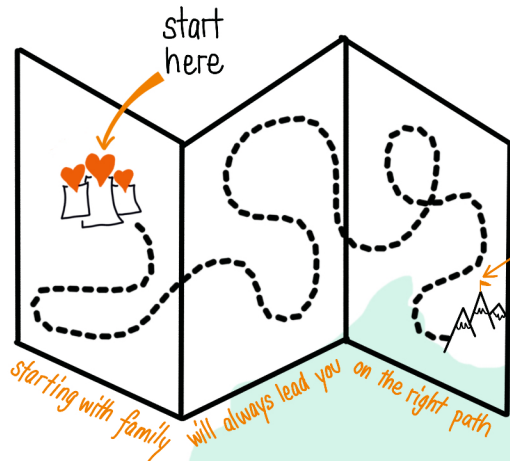
Family First Prevention Services Act & Implementation Updates

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- ✓ keep children safe
- ✓ strengthen families
- ✓ reduce need for foster care



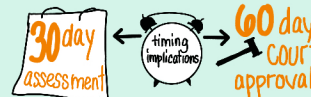
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when will evidence-based be ready?



who are you searching for?
who is FAMILY



Qualified Residential Treatment Program
✓ only 30 accredited in State
141 programs NOT
✓ State not Federal designation
5 COLLABORATORS all must be involved! but no federal guidance

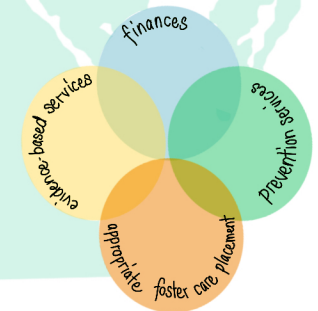
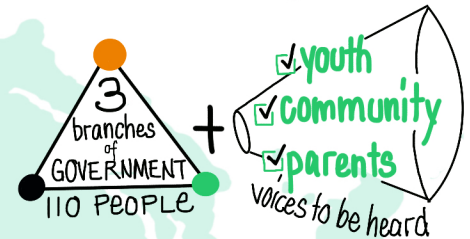


no programs are ready YET



> 9000 work hours
102 experts involved
14 countries

community involvement model
core team can make decisions
• leadership
• home
• workgroups (where all the real work happens)
know who is on your TEAM



open up lines of communication to create **real change**
Community Conversation
how do we engage service providers?