




Family First




New Prevention Program



Title IV-E Foster Care Changes



Other Changes



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Eligibility for Prevention Services

- ❖ A child identified as a candidate for foster care who can remain safely at home or in a kinship home and is identified as being at imminent risk of entering foster care
- ❖ A child whose adoption or guardianship arrangement is a risk of a disruption/dissolution and includes post-reunification services
- ❖ A child in foster care who is pregnant or parenting

Caregivers of children identified above are also eligible for prevention services.



Providing Prevention Services



All of the services provided, must be evidence-based and trauma informed.

There is no income test for children and their families to receive these identified services.

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Federal Clearinghouse of Evidence Based Programs

Mental Health Services	Substance Abuse Services	In-Home Parent Skill Based Training
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent-Child Interaction Therapy • Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy • Multisystemic Therapy • Functional Family Therapy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motivational Interviewing • Multisystemic Therapy • Families Facing the Future • Methadone Maintenance Therapy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nurse-Family Partnership • Healthy Families America • Parents as Teachers


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Required Documentation



The Candidate for Foster Care must have a written prevention plan which includes the following:

- ❖ Identify the prevention strategy so that the child came remain in the home, live temporarily with a kin caregiver until reunification can be safely achieved, or live permanently with a kin caregiver;
- ❖ List of services or programs to be provided to or on behalf of the child to ensure success of the prevention strategy




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Title IV-E Foster Care Program Changes

After a two-week grace period, Family First limits IV-E Maintenance Payments to:



- ❖ Family and kinship foster homes
- ❖ Placements for pregnant or parenting youth
- ❖ Supervised independent living for youth 18+
- ❖ Specialized placements for victims of sex trafficking
- ❖ Family-based residential treatment facility for substance abuse
- ❖ Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (Q RTP) for youth with treatment needs



A foster home is the home of an individual or family who is approved as meeting the standards established in Virginia.

A kinship home is the home of an individual or family who is related to the child in foster care and is approved as meeting the standards established in Virginia.

Family-Based Residential Treatment Facility for Substance Abuse

- A program where a child in foster care can be placed with their parent
- The program provides substance abuse treatment, parenting skills training, parent education, and individual and family counseling under a trauma-informed framework.



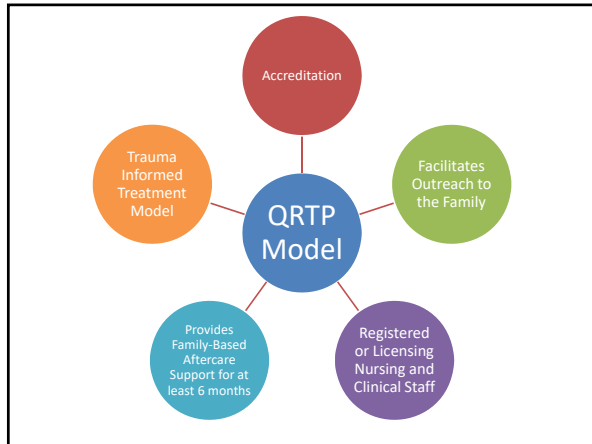
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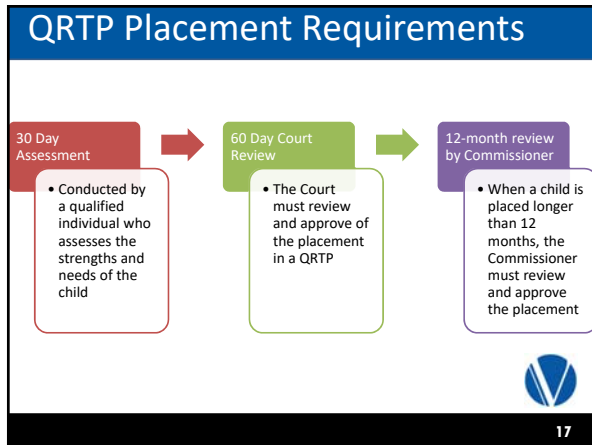
Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTF)

- Is a non-family like setting
- Similar to a children's residential facility
- Has specific program requirements outlined in Family First



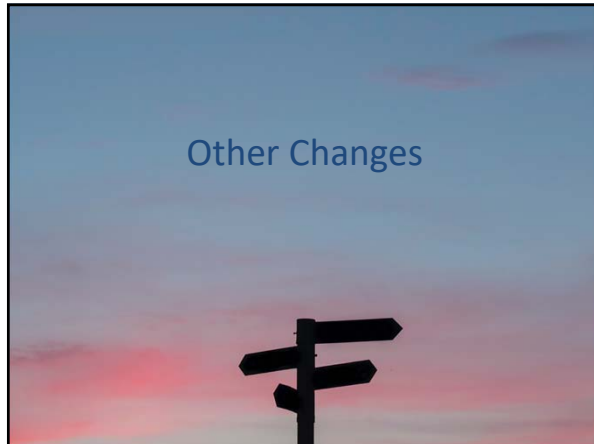
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Implementing Family First


Family First can be implemented as early as October 2019; however, it must be implemented by October 2021.



Criminal Records and Registry Checks

Requires that Title IV-E agencies receive fingerprint-based criminal record checks and child abuse registry checks for any adult working in a children's residential facility.

Effective October 1, 2018



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John H. Chafee Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood (CPSTA)

CPSTA/ILP services are available for young adults up until their 23rd birthday.

ETM Services available for young adults up until their 26th birthday.



De-linking of IV-E income eligibility requirements for children under the age of 2

Family Reunification Services



Family Reunification Services and Activities Include:

- ❖ Individual, group, and family counseling.
- ❖ Inpatient, residential, or outpatient substance abuse treatment services.
- ❖ Mental health services.
- ❖ Assistance to address domestic violence.
- ❖ Services designed to provide temporary childcare and therapeutic services for families, including crisis nurseries.
- ❖ Peer-to peer mentoring and support groups for parents and primary caregivers.
- ❖ Services and activities designed to facilitate access to and visitation of children by parents and siblings.
- ❖ Transportation to and from any of the services and activities described.

- ❖ Removes the time limit on providing reunification services
- ❖ Now allows service provision for a period of up to 15 months after reunification

Virginia Kinship Navigator Programs

