



Family First Prevention Services Act

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Family First Prevention Services ACT - H.R.253 – signed February 9, 2018

- Safely Reduce Out-of-Home Placement
- Improve Resiliency of Families
- Reduce Foster Care Reentry
- Involve Families in Prevention Services
- Reduce Reliance on Congregate Care
- Provide Care in the Least Restrictive Environment



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Provisions

- States can create a 5-year Prevention Plan to promote early intervention with children and families.
- Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTPs) must meet guidelines and standards of care
- Success must be measured, and reported on, with standardized data
- Trauma-informed treatment must become the standard



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Necessary Changes

- Define Candidacy (Including Family Members)
- Define Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTPs)
- Use Clearinghouse-approved programs
- Increase Kinship Care
- Train Front-line Workers, Judiciary Participants, and Law Enforcement



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Work & Accomplishments 2018

- Included information in Child and Family Services Plan (CFSP) describing procedures to ensure foster youth's mental health needs are accurately diagnosed.
- CFSD Leadership attended Regional Casey Meeting: Implementation of FFPSA
- Applied for Kinship Navigator Grant
- Child Abuse and Neglect Review Commission meets requirements of CAPTA and FFPSA
- Educational Training Vouchers (ETV) could be provide to youth up to age 26 years for a maximum of 5 years. CFSD implement change with Reach Higher.
- CFSD policy changed to provide a youth in foster care, for more than 6 months, official documentation necessary to prove the child was previously in foster care.



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Work & Accomplishments 2018

- CFSD held fiscal training with national consultant regarding child welfare funding and implications of FFPSA
- Received Kinship Navigator Grant -contracted with Grandparents Raising Grandchildren to implement Montana Kinship Navigator Program
- Casey Policy Advisor trained DPHHS and Governor's office on FFPSA
- Administrative rule in effect requiring congregate care facilities (shelter cares, therapeutic group homes and group homes) to conduct a fingerprint based criminal records check on all employees prior to employment.
- Reviewed process to ensure child fatalities resulting from abuse or neglect were being accurately counted and reported.
- CFSD and University of Montana held community training for providers and tribes



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Work & Accomplishments 2019

- Child Abuse and Neglect Review Commission Report
- Casey Presentation to Legislative Committee
- CFSD coordinated with Tribal Social Services response to foster home licensing standards
- Submitted the description of the areas the state and tribes' foster home licensing standards that conform or do not conform to ACYF's model standards. States are only required to notify, they do not have to conform.
- Presentation at CFSD's Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect Conference
- Introduced the Rate Matrix contract process to providers for In-Home services, community services, parenting classes and family visitation.
- Providers submitted feedback on Rate Matrix and changes made for July 1, 2019 roll-out.
- Rolled out Rate Matrix.
- Matrix has increased number of providers from 10 in FY19 to 40 in FY20.



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Work & Accomplishments: 2019

- Matrix identifies evidence base services and utilizes IV-B and Medicaid funding; IV-E prevention funding will be use when appropriate as of Oct 2021
- *Base on current data Rate Matrix approach has increased referrals of service to children from 300 in 2018 to 1271 as of Nov 2019
- 12 CORE trainings provide to service providers, community members and legal partners; training educated attendees on CFSD safety model to support understanding services and processes needed to maintain children in the home safely.
- Renewed Kinship Navigator Contact with second round of grants – continue implementation and research to become evidence-based
- Hired Project Manager with HB 604 funds
- Implemented ARMS for Finger Print Background Checks for Congregate Care Providers as required by FFPSA
- Court Improvement Program identifies FFPSA workgroup for judicial training
- Present CFSD project management process to BHAM



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Work & Accomplishments so far in 2020

- Specific roadmap development
- More in-depth planning session and assignment of with DPHHS Division Administrators regarding Prevention Plan and QRTP transition
- Candidacy Identification
- QRTP Strategic Planning Session with Providers (February 6, 2020 and March 27, 2020)
- Prevention Plan Strategic Planning Session with Providers (March 5, 2020)
- Project Implementation Plan Development

Impact of COVID-19

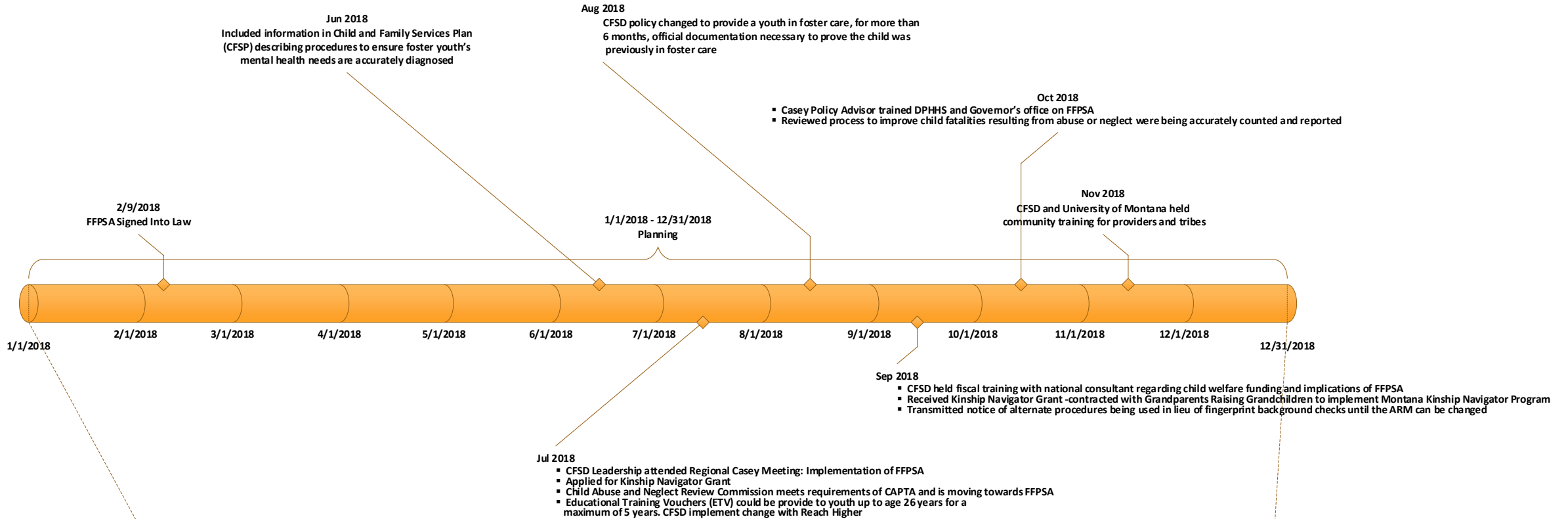
- Presentation at CFSD's Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect Conference
- Listening session with Foster Parents and Foster Youth
- Tribal Consultation



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Overview

Project Timeline - 2018

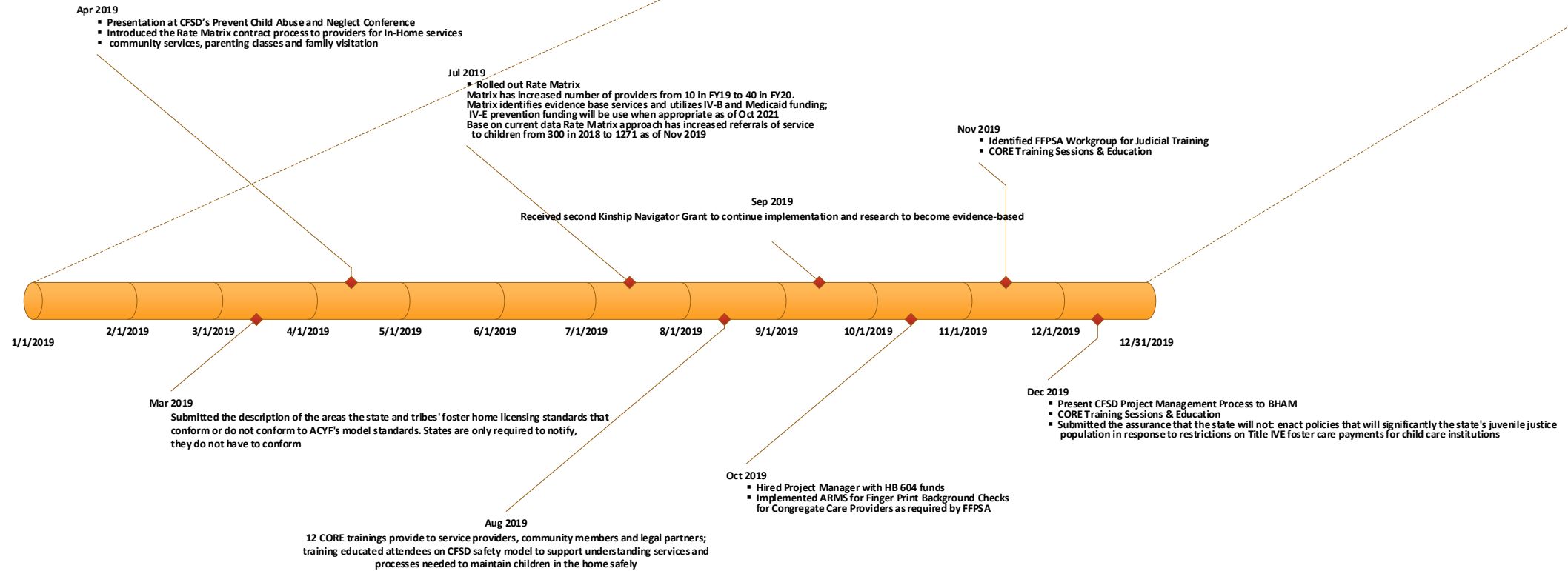




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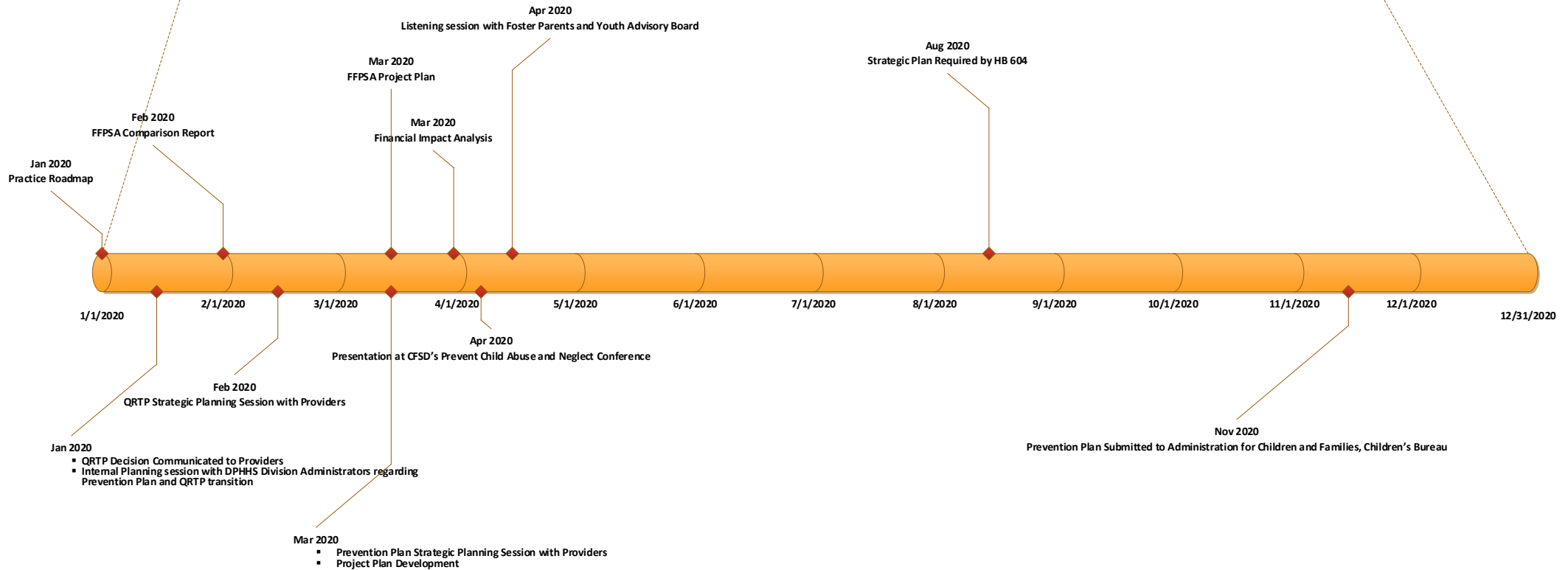




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Therapeutic Group Home Meet QRTP Standard

Steps: Update Licensing ARM for Therapeutic Group Homes
 Update Children’s Mental Health Bureau ARM and Provider Manual
 Create CFSD Procedure

Target Dates: July 2020 ARM comment period
 October 1, 2021 Effective Date



Montana's Title IV-E Prevention Plan

- Long-term plan, reviewed every 5 years
- Focus on Families and Preventing Removal
- Defines Candidacy to Include Families
- Utilized approved Evidence-Base Models
- Data Collection & Analysis
- Child Welfare Workforce Training
- Prevention Caseload Management



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Evidenced-Based Services & Programs

*	Indicates model/intervention is Medicaid billable.
**	Indicates model/intervention has been identified by FFPSA, and the model rating has been taken from Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse.
***	Indicates model/intervention currently offered in MT through Title IV-B and AV contracts.
****	Indicates model/intervention currently offered in MT through MIECHV/HMF contracts.
*****	Indicates model/intervention is listed on the Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse; however, it is not a model currently being offered in Montana

Models and Interventions meeting the [1] Mental Health Prevention and Treatment Programs or Services:

*	**	***	Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)	Well-Supported
*	**	*****	Multisystemic Therapy (MST)	Well-Supported
*	**	***	Functional Family Therapy	Well-Supported
*	**	*****	Brief Strategic Family Therapy	Well-Supported
*	**	***	Child-Parent Psychotherapy	Promising
*	**	***	Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)	Promising



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Evidenced-Based Services & Programs

Models and Interventions meeting the [2] Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Programs or Services:

*	**	*****	Multisystemic Therapy (MST)	Well-Supported
*	**	***	Motivational Interviewing (MI)	Well-Supported
*	**	*****	Brief Strategic Family Therapy	Well-Supported
**		*****	Families Facing the Future	Supported
**		*****	Methadone Maintenance Therapy	Promising

Models and Interventions meeting the [3] In-Home Parent Skill-Based Programs or Services

**	***	*****	Healthy Families America (HFA) – Voluntary Program	Well-Supported
**	***	*****	Parents as Teachers	Well-Supported
**	*****		Nurse Family Partnership	Well-Supported
**	***	*****	SafeCare Augmented Home Visitor	Supported
**	*****		Homebuilders-Intensive Family Preservation and Reunification Services	Well-Supported
*	**	*****	Brief Strategic Family Therapy	Well-Supported



Montana's Prevention Plan

Workforce Training

- Provide Guidance
- Prepare for Success
- Not “one-and done”
- Evolve With Program Changes



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SUB-PROJECTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- Prevention Services Plan Implementation
- New Standards for Practice Models – Trauma-Informed Care Requirements
- Transition to Using Clearinghouse of Prevention Services
- Data Collection & Evaluation – Outcome Assessment & Reporting
- Technical Assistance & Best Practice
- Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) Designation and Management
- Training Improvements for Courts & Legal Systems
- Mental Health Diagnosis Protocol Improvements



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SUB-PROJECTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- Assessment Process Improvements for Placement in QRTP
- Review & Improve Placement Licensing Standards
- Defining Continuing Support for Child & Family Services (Foster Family Support)
- Kinship Navigator Program Support & Enhancement
- Tribal Child Welfare Coordination
- Statewide Plan to Prevent Child Abuse & Neglect Fatalities
- Children Aging out of Foster Care
- Streamlining ICPC Placement & Reducing Delays



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On-going Work

Updating Therapeutic Group Home Rules
Prevention Plan Development
Implementation Plan Development
Continued Stakeholder Outreach



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Comments and/or Questions