

FFPSA Planning Implementation | Webinar Q&A Responses

*****IMPORTANT NOTE***The below responses are based on current or draft policies as of 8/28/2020. FFPSA related policies are pending finalization by the Department including federal approval.**

Item #	Question Asked	Answer Given
1	Do you have a deadline for adding new evidenced based programs in the prevention plan?	We (DCF Office of Child Welfare) have an internal deadline for the initial submission of the plan. States are able to amend the prevention plan at any time to include new programs.
2	Prevention and Limitation to Residential Group Care; the dynamic here is of interest. How they relate and the timing of the Florida decisions to delay to 9/2021.	Residential group care must be implemented prior to the implementation of prevention or at the same time. FFPSA intent is to shift federal funding from residential group care to front end evidence based prevention services to prevent children from entering foster care, preserving family units when safe to do so, rather than remove them and bring them into foster care.
3	How is DCF going to incorporate the quality standards for group care into the FFPSA language and evaluation?	The quality standards will continue to be practiced and has been incorporated into the group home licensing policy
4	Group home providers must be accredited by September 2021? No matter where they are in the process?	Group homes providers who are interested in being licensed as a QRTP must be accredited prior DCF issuing a QRTP license. Accreditation is a federal requirement for the QRTP setting only.
5	What is Clearinghouse website?	https://preventionservices.abtsites.com/
6	Did I understand correctly that a child must have a QRTP assessment within 30 days of entering the QRTP? If so then the child does not have to be assessed before entering the QRTP?	Correct. The child must have the QRTP assessment completed within 30 days of the date of placement in the QRTP setting.
7	Will at risk non hotline community children be tracked in FSFN?	Placement of community children are not tracked in FSFN. We do track the bed capacity in FSFN which identifies the number of beds for community children and the number for dependency children.
8	Will the new Office of Quality Management be engaged in fidelity monitoring?	Yes the plan is to engage the new Office of Quality Management in fidelity monitoring.
9	Has licensed residential treatment facilities like SIPP and TGH done what was needed to be IV-E eligible?	AHCA has opted out of revising the licensing their facilities to meet IV-E eligibility for the FFPSA QRTP setting. DCF is seeking to maximize these facilities through a credential process.
10	do eligible children need to have a case plan?	Yes. We will use the case plan for those families under existing dependency services. A prevention case plan will be the service plan outlining the strategy that ensures the success of implemented services for the child and family.
11	can you provide info for the afternoon session?	Family First Prevention Services Act and Florida's Child Welfare Group Home Providers Date/Time: Aug 28, 2020 2:00 PM EDT https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7914080596358266896 < https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fattendee.gotowebinar.com%2fregister%2f7914080596358266896&c=E,1,G2rQi3ctAR3hbY3HK2dixPrPbUrfsEaVzEAVGJztvqHjAEW_eSs3BOXDRDFXfNebZEMxie8wkplIXPoXYCZCxbffmUIEGlv77Kju7xHs8xmCrw,&typo=1 > After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Family First Prevention Services Act and Florida's Child Welfare Group Home Providers Date/Time: Aug 28, 2020 2:00 PM EDT https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7914080596358266896
12	Has the federal clearing house expanded eligible evidence based program options yet?	The Clearinghouse is updated as evidence based programs are evaluated and rated.
13	While there is an appetite to use guardian and relative family care givers, child abuse and neglect can be generational - have we put quality standards in place related to these placements?	A home study is required for the purpose of all placements when children are removed and not placed in licensed care. The home study captures the requirements.
14	Updated 65-C14 mentions level I and II for QRTP? What is the definition of these two groups?	QRTP II will require a higher degree of supervision, structure, support, and services. The levels of QRTP are captured in the group home CFOP.
15	I have a question about eligible candidates for in-home services for children that are at-risk of entering foster care. Does this include families that have been identified by investigations as safe but with high or very high risk? or would this only apply to families identified as unsafe?	Yes, this would apply to families who are identified through an investigation as safe but with high or very high risk.
16	How do you learn more about the subcommittee	Please send questions concerning subcommittee activities to Samantha.Wassdeczege@myffamilies.com.
17	How can someone participate on the teams / workgroups?	Send your name and the specific workgroup you would like join to Samantha.Wassdeczege@myffamilies.com.
18	Is there a list of Steering Committee and Sub-committee members?	A list of committee members can be provided.
19	How will the QRTP programs affect STGH and SIPP placements? Will these two structures be merged into one type of program (QRTP)?	QRTP will not be merged into STGH or SIPP. QRTP is being added as a new placement type.
20	How is the approved virtual home visitation protocols affecting the state's ability to draw down Title IV-E funding?	The Children's Bureau has adjusted their guidelines to allow for face to face visits to be conducted virtually. This does not replace the federal requirement for physical face to face home visits. A virtual visitation guideline has been distributed to the field. For additional questions please contact vanessa.snoddy@myffamilies.com
21	Have any other states created group homes for children "at-risk" of sex trafficking, separate from homes for victims of sex trafficking?	The Children's Bureau has identified these settings as different placement types that serve different populations. At this time, we are not aware if other states have combined these two populations together.
22	as a potential qrtp provider, what happens if no foster home available upon completion?	The case management organization and CBC will be part of the treatment plan and discharge planning which will allow them to begin locating the appropriate placements in advance. Keeping a child in a QRTP without the required placement approval will make the QRTP setting ineligible for IV-E foster care board payment.