

Department of Human Services Presentation to the
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FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT

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Presentation Outline

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- Family First Overview – Including Implementation Progress
 - Improve Chafee Independent Living Program
 - Fingerprint Based Background Checks for Any Adult Working in a Group Care Setting
 - Kinship Navigator
 - Qualified Residential Treatment Programs
 - Prevention Services
- Budget Impact 2019-21

History

- Current Title IV-E Foster Care
 - Reimbursement for cost of foster care
 - Reimbursement for allowable administrative costs



History

- Family First Prevention Services Act
 - Passed the Congressional House but not the Senate in 2016.
 - Was included in the Continuing Resolution, Bipartisan Budget Bill that was passed on February 9, 2018.
 - The effective dates from the original 2016 legislation were not changed.

Family First Overview

- Improve Chafee Independent Living Program
- Fingerprint Based Background Checks for Any Adult Working in a Congregate Care Setting
- Kinship Navigator
- Qualified Residential Treatment Program
- Prevention Services



CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM

Improve Chafee Independent Living Program

- Reduces age for independent living services from age 16 down to as early as age 14
- Extends age for independent living services from age 21 up to age 23
- Extends the age for education and training vouchers from age 23 up to age 26

Require Fingerprint Checks for Employees in Congregate Care Settings

- Effective October 1, 2018
- All adult employees in a congregate care setting where foster children are placed must have:
 - Fingerprint Based Background Checks
 - Child Abuse and Neglect Registry Checks
 - Both Approved Prior to Hire Date
- This requirement was not in the original Family First legislation

Kinship Navigator Program

- Intended to assist Kinship caregivers to learn about, find, and use programs and services to meet the needs of the children they are raising
- Will be accessible to ALL relatives regardless of Child Welfare involvement
- Pilot Program may include:
 - Peer Mentoring;
 - Traditional Service Navigation; or
 - Streamlining Access to Childcare or Respite Care

2019-21 Budget Impact

Dollars in Millions				
Program Area	GF	FF	TF	
Independent Living: Age Expansion	\$ 5.25	\$ -	\$ 5.25	
Background Checks				
CW Staff	0.17	0.04	0.21	
DHS Background Check Unit	1.64	1.64	3.28	
	1.81	1.68	3.49	
Kinship Navigators	-	0.64	0.64	
Subtotal	\$ 7.06	\$ 2.32	\$ 9.38	

Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP)

- Reduces use of congregate care settings
- Upon implementation, States will only be able to claim Title IV-E foster care maintenance for the first 14 days of placement, unless placed in an eligible setting like a Qualified Residential Treatment Program



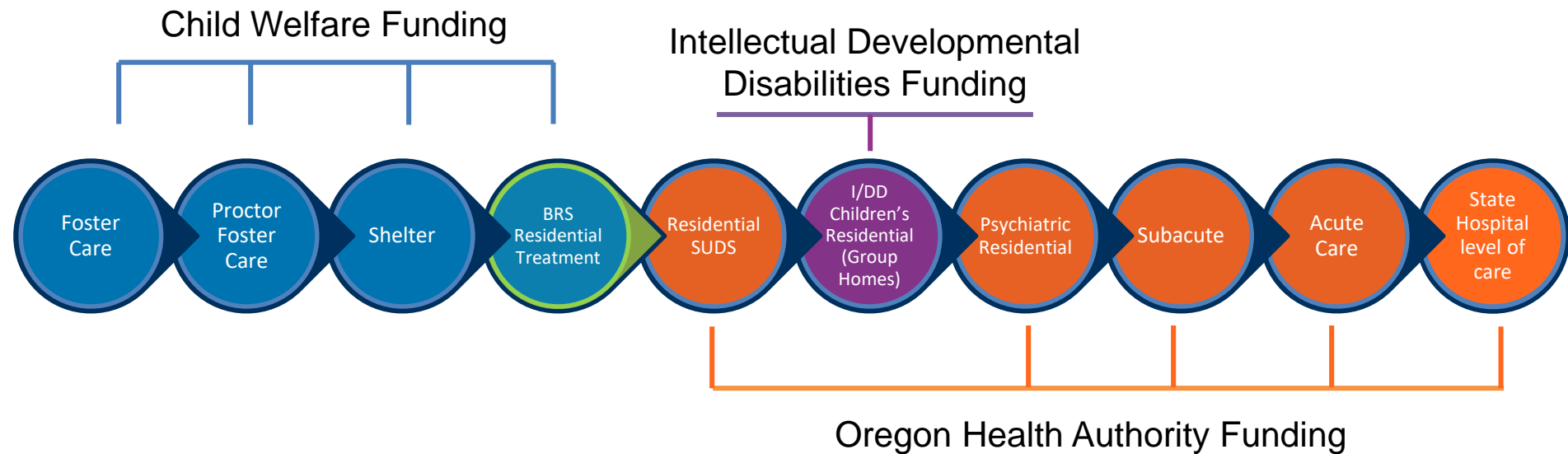
Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP)

A QRTP is defined as “A program that has a trauma-informed treatment model that is designed to address the needs, including clinical needs, of children with serious emotional or behavioral disorders or disturbances and is able to implement the treatment identified for the child.”

Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP)

- New requirements for a QRTP:
 - Must be accredited
 - Must have registered/licensed nursing staff and other clinical staff available 24/7
 - Must provide a 6-month post discharge plan
 - Qualified Individual must complete an assessment of the child within 30 days of placement to determine if QRTP is the appropriate level of care
 - Judicial finding within 60 days that QRTP placement is the most appropriate level of care

Continuum at a Glance



CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM

2019-21 Budget Impact

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Program Area	GF	FF	TF
Residential Care Placements*			
QRTP Level of Care	\$ 6.29	\$ 6.07	\$ 12.36
Independent Assessments	0.10	0.15	0.25
Accreditation Grants	0.35	0.15	0.50
AAG Costs	0.08	0.07	0.15
CW Staff	0.69	0.17	0.86
Subtotal	\$ 7.51	\$ 6.61	\$ 14.12

*Assumes July 2020 start date

Prevention Services Program

- Must implement QRTP first or at the same time
- For Evidence-Based services related to:
 - Mental Health
 - Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment
 - In-Home Parent Skill-Based Programs
- Services directly related to preventing the child from entering foster care
- Available funding for up to 12 months
- Services can be provided to children or parents/guardians

Prevention Services Program

- Only two eligibility criteria that child or parent must meet:
 - Documentation that the child is a candidate for foster care and at imminent risk of entering or re-entering foster care.
 - Clearly describe in child's prevention case plan the evidence-based services the child or family are receiving to prevent the removal.

2019-21 Budget Impact

Dollars in Millions

Program Area	GF	FF	TF
Prevention			
Contracted Services	To be determined		
CW Field Staff, Other Costs	To be determined		
CW Central Office Staff	1.00	0.25	1.25
Subtotal	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.25	\$ 1.25

Family First

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Grand Total without Full Prevention Costs	\$ 15.57	\$ 9.18	\$ 24.75	

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2019-21 Related Legislation

- SB 171-A: Residential Placements
- SB 221, Section 3: \$6.6M GF for FFPSA Prevention

Report Back in February 2020 Session

- Prevention Program Fiscal Impact
 - Service Providers
 - Program Evaluation
 - Prevention Staff
 - Changes to IT System
- Interim Issue: Expand Background Checks for I/DD Group Home Settings



In Conclusion, Family First:

- Limits Title IV-E Foster Care funding for non-family based foster care settings.
- Provides an opportunity to use Title IV-E for prevention.



Thank you



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