Family First Prevention Services Program Descriptions and Eligibility Criteria

Family Preservation and Reunification Services (FPRS): Preservation Services

Description: In-home services for children and families, averting OOHC placement and maintaining children safely in their home.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Child(ren) meet the definition for a candidate for foster careⁱ;
- (2) Moderate to imminent risk of OOHC entry exists;
- (3) Child(ren) are not in a OOHC placement;
- (4) Planned or current substantiation of maltreatment, Family in Need of Services Findings, and an in-home ongoing case disposition.

Duration: Based upon familial need, safety enhancement needs, and evidence-based practice intervention(s) delivered.

- Minimum: 4 weeks
- Maximum: 5 months with extensions available beyond this as necessary

Service Intensity: Based upon familial need, safety enhancement needs, and evidence-based practice intervention(s) delivered.

- Minimum: 3-6 face-to-face hours a week
- Maximum: 8-10 face-to-face hours/3-5 sessions a week (imminent risk cases)

Caseload:

- Minimum: 2 cases at a time (imminent risk cases)
- Maximum: 6 cases at a time

Age limit: 0-17 years old

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Family Preservation and Reunification Services:

Reunification Services

Description: In-home services for children who will be or were recently reunified with parents or caregivers from OOHC to prevent further maltreatment or OOHC entry.

Eligibility Criteria:

Duration: Based upon familial need, safety enhancement needs, and evidence-based practice intervention(s) delivered.

- Minimum: 4 weeks
- Maximum: 5 months with extensions available beyond this as necessary

Service Intensity: Based upon familial need, safety enhancement needs, and evidence-based practice intervention(s) delivered.

- Minimum: 3-6 face-to-face hours a week
- Maximum: 8-10 face-to-face hours/3-5 sessions a week (imminent risk cases)

- Child(ren) meet the definition for a candidate for foster careⁱⁱ;
- (2) Child(ren) are not in OOHC placement;
- (3) Child(ren) are in the home of their parents/caregivers of return via trial home visit or return of custody;
- (4) A substantiation of maltreatment or finding of Family in Need of Services exists, along with an ongoing case.

OR

- A plan to return child(ren) home from OOHC exists;
- (2) Child(ren) do not meet the definition for a candidate for foster care;
- (3) Child(ren) are in a OOHC placement at the point of referral;
- (4) A substantiation of maltreatment or finding of Family in Need of Services exists, along with an ongoing case.

Caseload:

- Minimum: 2 cases at a time (imminent risk cases)
- Maximum: 6 cases at a time

Age limit: 0-17 years old

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Intercept Evidence-based Practice Prevention Pilot

Eligibility Criteria:

Duration: 4-6 months for preservation and 6-9 months for reunification

Service Intensity: Average of 3 times a week

Caseload: 4-5 cases

- (1) Child(ren) meet the definition for a candidate for foster careⁱⁱⁱ;
- (2) Moderate to imminent risk of OOHC entry exists;
- (3) Child(ren) are not in a OOHC placement;
- (4) Planned or current substantiation of maltreatment, Family in Need of Services Findings, and an in-home ongoing case disposition; and
- (5) Child(ren) who have emotional and behavioral problems or have experienced abuse and/or neglect.

Age Limit: 0-18 years of age

Regions Served: Cumberland, Southern Bluegrass, and The Lakes Service Regions

KSTEP (Kentucky Strengthening Ties and Empowering Parents)

Eligibility Criteria:

- Child(ren) meet the definition for a candidate for foster care^{iv};
- (2) Moderate to imminent risk of OOHC entry exists;
- (3) Child(ren) are not in a OOHC placement;
- (4) Planned or current substantiation of maltreatment, Family in Need of Services Findings, and an in-home ongoing case disposition;

Duration: Up to 8 months, with extensions permitted beyond this, as assessed by family progress/phase completion.

Service Intensity:

- Phase 1&2: 5-10 hours per week, 2 contacts a week (1 must include children) for 2-5 months
- Phase 3: 2-10 hours per month, 1 contact a week (must include children) for 1-3 months
- Phase 4: 1-8 hours per month, 1 contact a month (must include children) for 1-2 months

Caseload: Not to exceed 9 cases at a time

Age limit: Under 10 years

Counties Served: Cumberland Service Region (Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Green, Laurel, McCreary,

- (5) Families have at least one child(ren) under the age of 10; and
- (6) Parental substance abuse is the primary feature affecting child safety.
- (7) The referral must be made during the CPS investigation that will result in a substantiated or services needed finding. The family cannot already have an active ongoing case.

Pulaski, Russell, Taylor, and Wayne counties), Northeastern Service Region, Northern Bluegrass Service Region, and the Salt River Trail Service Region.

Multisystemic Therapy Evidence-based Practice Prevention Pilot

 Child(ren) meet the definition for a candidate for foster care^v;

(2) Moderate to imminent risk of OOHC entry exists;

- (3) Child(ren) are not in a OOHC placement;
- (4) Planned or current substantiation of maltreatment, Family in Need of Services Findings, and an in-home ongoing case disposition;
- (5) Child(ren) are 12-17 years old; and
- (6) Child(ren) are at risk for or are engaging in

Duration: 3-5 months

Service Intensity: Varies based upon clinical need, but typically involves multiple weekly visits between the therapist and family.

Caseload: 4-6 cases

Age Limit: 12-17 years of age

Regions Served: Jefferson, Northern Bluegrass, Southern Bluegrass, and Salt River Trail Service Regions.

delinquent activity or	
substance.	
START (Sobriety Treatment and	Duration: On average 14 months, with no maximum
Recovery Team)	duration
Eligibility Criteria:	Caseload: Not to exceed 15 cases at a time
(1) New referral (not an	
active case);	Age limit: Under 6 years
(2) Substantiated finding or	
FINSA;	Counties Served: Boone, Boyd, Campbell, Daviess,
(3) One child 0-5 in the	Fayette, Jefferson, and Kenton counties.
home;	
(4) Primary risk factor of	
parental substance	
abuse; and	
(5) Medicaid/TANF eligible	
or work towards	
insurance	

*Foster Care Candidacy Definition

1. ⁱ A victim of substantiated maltreatment in which existing safety and risk factors can be mitigated by provision of in-home services;

A child for whom maltreatment has not been substantiated, however, moderate to severe risk factors for maltreatment are present and services are necessary to prevent maltreatment and subsequent entry into foster care;

A child who has recently been reunified for whom services to the family will mitigate identified risks, preventing further maltreatment and re-entry into care and a plan to return the child home exists.

2. ii A victim of substantiated maltreatment in which existing safety and risk factors can be mitigated by provision of in-home services;

A child for whom maltreatment has not been substantiated, however, moderate to severe risk factors for maltreatment are present and services are necessary to prevent maltreatment and subsequent entry into foster care;

A child who has recently been reunified for whom services to the family will mitigate identified risks, preventing further maltreatment and re-entry into care and a plan to return the child home exists.

3. iii A victim of substantiated maltreatment in which existing safety and risk factors can be mitigated by provision of in-home services:

A child for whom maltreatment has not been substantiated, however, moderate to severe risk factors for maltreatment are present and services are necessary to prevent maltreatment and subsequent entry into foster care;

A child who has recently been reunified for whom services to the family will mitigate identified risks, preventing further maltreatment and re-entry into care and a plan to return the child home exists.

4. iv A victim of substantiated maltreatment in which existing safety and risk factors can be mitigated by provision of in-home services;

A child for whom maltreatment has not been substantiated, however, moderate to severe risk factors for maltreatment are present and services are necessary to prevent maltreatment and subsequent entry into foster care;

A child who has recently been reunified for whom services to the family will mitigate identified risks, preventing further maltreatment and re-entry into care and a plan to return the child home exists.

5. YA victim of substantiated maltreatment in which existing safety and risk factors can be mitigated by provision of in-home services;

A child for whom maltreatment has not been substantiated, however, moderate to severe risk factors for maltreatment are present and services are necessary to prevent maltreatment and subsequent entry into foster care;

A child who has recently been reunified for whom services to the family will mitigate identified risks, preventing further maltreatment and re-entry into care and a plan to return the child home exists.