Statement of Consideration (SOC)

PPTL 21-32 SOP 6.1, SOP 6.2, SOP 6.3, Key Information Sheet for Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Program Evaluation, and the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Evaluation Consent Form. The following comments were received in response to SOP drafts sent for field review. Thanks to those who reviewed and commented. Comments about typographical and grammatical errors are excluded; these errors have been corrected as appropriate

**Key Information Sheet for Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Program Evaluation, and the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) Evaluation Consent Form.**

1. **Comment:** Staff are concerned with the study consent forms that frontline staff are being asked to explain and get families to consent to and then upload into ITWIST.  The consent forms appear very long and may be difficult for clients in crisis to understand.  Supervisors are concerned that staff will not upload it, as it is already difficult to get them to upload other required documents now. Staff think the consent forms are going to be difficult for workers to talk with clients about and sign for those services.  Staff think it would be better to allow the service provider to do these during the time they open the service with the family instead of putting this responsibility on the frontline staff. Supervisors feel this is adding extra work to the frontline staff just to get research data for the evaluation of the program

**Response:**  Formal research evaluations are required for Kentucky’s Family’s First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) and are a part of Kentucky’s state plan with the federal government. The research will be necessary for Kentucky to continue to receive federal reimbursement for services. The method for collecting the forms (through the DCBS worker and TWIST) is the only uniform and structured avenue for the form collection.  Providers do not have a statewide platform for the collection of the forms.  Also, DCBS is moving to a completely electronic file platform where forms and documents will be stored entirely in TWIST and hard copy files will be eliminated.  This process has begun in some counties.

**SOP 6.1, SOP6.2, SOP 6.3**

**No Comments**