

FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT

SAFE CHILDREN, STRENGTHENED FAMILIES



1 SUPPORTS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH ENHANCED SERVICES TO PREVENT A CHILD'S PLACEMENT INTO FOSTER CARE

Access to mental health, substance use disorder, and in-home parent skill-based training, that are evidence-based as determined by the new federal child welfare clearinghouse.

These services are available to qualifying children and families for up to **12 months** of IV-E reimbursement in order to preserve families and keep children safely in their homes, schools, and communities.

50 percent of expenditures per year must be for well-supported services in order to access any IV-E funds. This is the highest evidence based standard on the clearinghouse. Funding for the prevention of foster care is only available once Utah is also compliant on the congregate and residential treatment requirements

2 ADDS REQUIREMENTS FOR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAMS

Accreditation, licensed clinical nursing staff onsite and available 24/7, discharge planning and family aftercare supports, as well as an **independent review** to ensure only children that are clinically appropriate are placed in these high level residential treatment settings.

This impacts not only DCFS, but all contracted residential treatment provider programs coming into compliance with these requirements.



3 KEEPS FAMILIES SAFELY TOGETHER DURING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT

A child in foster care may be placed with a parent in a **licensed family-based** residential substance use treatment program.

Contracts have already been finalized with Odyssey House, House of Hope, Tranquility House, Desert Haven, and Valley Phoenix.



All new provisions require state match funding in order to receive Title IV-E funds. Some services require that children meet specific Title IV-E eligibility criteria.