



**Department of
Children & Family Services**
Building a Stronger Louisiana

Family First Prevention Services Act
Steering Committee Update
Date: 04/19/2021

Prevention Workgroup	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Finalized model regarding Theory of Change 2) Completed surveys regarding in-home visiting model for substance involved families and concluded Child First will be the initial model implemented in LA 3) Initiated planning with Child First regarding next steps and provider presentations 4) Submitted contract documents required for Intercept to initiate model implementation. Also created and proposed to Prevention workgroup referral population and process for program referrals. 5) Met with planning leads to discuss information needed and process for providing information for the prevention plan
Residential Workgroup	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Finalizing definition for LA QRTP 2) Child and Adolescent Needs and Strength (CANS) tool has been selected as the assessment tool for QRTP 3) 20 youth in NMGH and TFC will be assessed by trained independent assessors to determine if it supports the process DCFS currently uses to assess level 1 or 2 designation. This will assist to solidify projected population for QRTP. 4) Participated in call with Arkansas DCFS to learn from their experience in implementation. Follow up call will be held this week 5) Larger residential workgroup has decreased meetings from monthly to bi-monthly 6) New workgroup has been established to include the 5 NMGH providers most likely to be transitioned by October 2021.
Administrative/Data Workgroup	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Working with Prevention sub-committees to finalize language in APSR regarding use of transition funds for this fiscal year 2) Continuing to review the Title IVE Prevention Pre-print and Title IVE comprehensive state plan Pre-print to identify all policies that need to be updated for QRTPs and developing new policies for prevention 3) Drafting the Title IVE 5-year Prevention plan with all known elements such as program descriptions and reasonable candidate definition 4) Identifying possible system changes, policy adjustments and, reports needed for 10/1/21 funding transition for NMGH's 5) Continuing to identify User Stories needed to capture data in the CCWIS system

	<p>6) Working with the prevention sub-committees to define the individualized prevention plan.</p> <p>7) Obtaining proposal on assistance with administrative cost claiming</p>
Communication Planning	<p>1) Updated DCFS/Family First Louisiana webpage to include Family First flyer with new logo</p> <p>2) Distributed email to reach out to external FFPSA stakeholders highlighting the Family First flyer and logo</p> <p>3) Family First Prevention Services Act Staff Webinar held live on 4/14/21 as a training opportunity for all DCFS staff. One staff liaison from each of the nine regions in the state participated by asking a question from their region about FFPSA and was provided the answers from one of the implementation team members to help spread information about this exciting movement to DCFS staff.</p>