





OUR INTENTION FOR THE LEARNING SERIES

- Create opportunities for Collaborative Counties to learn from subject matter experts and to engage one another about how to create a prevention infrastructure with shared responsibility and accountability among cross-sector partners, including the challenges and complexities of implementing / operationalizing their Comprehensive Prevention Plans
- Strengthen cross-sector relationships by learning together between County child welfare, juvenile justice and behavioral health, education, community-based service providers, family resource centers, local Child Abuse Prevention Council, tribal partners, and parents/youth with lived experience.
- Position Counties' to better examine and build their capacity and ability to effectively partner and engage with parents and youth with lived experience.
- Support Counties in measuring and decreasing racial disproportionality as well as elevating tribal sovereignty.
- Anchor service delivery systems in primary prevention and extend "downstream" from there

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THE CHILD, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY WELL-BEING LEARNING SERIES

TODAY'S TOPIC:

BUILDING THE COMMUNITY PATHWAY: PART 1



THE CHILD, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY **WELL-BEING LEARNING SERIES**

OUR PRESENTERS















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WHERE WE ARE IN THE JOURNEY

- We have previously anchored this series in Primary Prevention and now are working ourselves "downstream" toward Secondary Prevention
- Secondary Prevention strategies prevent those families at risk of child maltreatment or its recurrence from having formal system involvement or re-involvement
- There are, and will always be, families who will become susceptible to environmental risks, despite our best Primary Prevention efforts
- These families will require intervention additional supports and services to mitigate those risks and enhance protection in the face of those risks
- The existence of a community pathway provides those families with access to services with as little formal involvement as possible with public agencies

- Existing diversion-oriented infrastructure, such as Differential Response, can be





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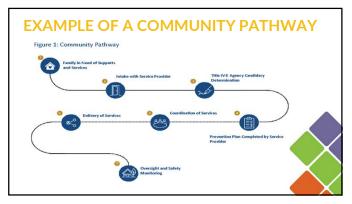


VISION AND PURPOSE OF THE COMMUNITY PATHWAY



California's vision for prevention includes a community pathway for families to access services and supports earlier, to mitigate trauma, to prevent child welfare involvement and improve child, youth, and family well-being





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KEY ELEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY PATHWAY

	Information
Funding and Sustainability	Prevention Funding Chart and Prevention Funding Guide is available to assist in understanding the complex funding streams. Community pathway is optional, and the design of the community pathway can be adjusted to meet the needs of the community and abide by the fiscal constraints of the Title IV-E agency and partners.
Data	Child specific data within a prevention plan must be shared with the local Title IV-E agency for candidates.

	Information
Service Access	Community Pathway may look different in each counties, especially those without an FRC infrastructure, it may mirror a pathway that is like differential response. Community pathway requires a coordinator of services to ensure services are accessible and transitions are smooth for children, youth, parents and families.
Service Coordination	The role of the community partner/service provider (CBO, FRC, etc.) for safety monitoring aligns with traditional processes, as a mandated reporter if child neglect and/or abuse is suspected it must be reported to CWS. The coordinator of services will be responsible for managing the family specific prevention plan. A Title IV-E agency must opt-into the FFPS Program, CAPC/FRC cannot opt-in alone.

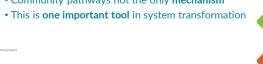


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BUILDING COMMUNITY PATHWAYS

Community pathways provide children, parents and kin access to culturally relevant, local prevention services without direct involvement with CPS.

- FFPSA not the only **funding stream**
- Community pathways not the only **mechanism**





WHAT WE KNOW

- All families need and deserve access to high quality, timely, culturally relevant services and supports
- Disinvestment in some communities has led to deep inequities in community conditions and assets
- We must have an intentional race equity and tribal sovereignty lens
- Getting help should not require system involvement and the harm and trauma that often comes with it



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WHY WE NEED A DIFFERENT WAY

"There are so many barriers to even knowing about or getting the support you need. You have to prove yourself worthy, and it's a very dehumanizing experience. When families are told they can have this, but not that, it keeps them down. It keeps them in poverty and prevents them from having what they need to care for their children."

 Dee Bonnick, MSW, Parent, National Family Engagement Consultant, Education Advocate, an Social Justice Practitione

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SHIFTING PARADIGMS

FFPSA is an opportunity to **reorient child welfare** in three ways:

- Types of services offered
- Who can receive services
- How and where they can access them



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LEARNING FROM EARLY IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. Engage community
- 2. Broaden eligibility for support
- 3. Build a robust array of services
- 4. Create/leverage sustainable infrastructure
- 5. Consider workforce implications



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ENGAGE COMMUNITY

"We really listened to families. They need support. They want to be able to exhale and not feel like DCF is hovering. So we said, 'Let's shift the experience families have of us, and create a system that allows them to truly get the support they need."

- JoShonda Guerrier, Connecticut Department of Children and Families



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ENGAGE COMMUNITY

- Understand your communities
- Engage lived experts
 - In planning (CT)
 - In implementation (DC)
- · Build capacity



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States are taking an expansive view of pathways candidacy • Anyone eligible for Healthy Families (IN) • Specific groups at heightened risk (CT) • Children who are chronically absent from school • Children of incarcerated parents • youth who are unstably housed or experiencing homelessness • families experiencing interpersonal violence • caregivers with a substance use disorder, mental health condition, or disability that impacts parenting

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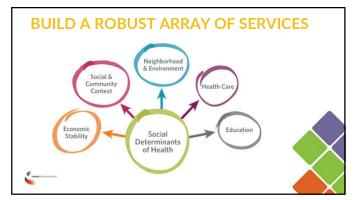
BUILD A ROBUST ARRAY OF SERVICES

"It feels like the system determines what services are needed and then is prescriptive about how they are done. If there had been places my family could have gone where they felt supported and trusted to say what they needed, that would have helped us."

CAMP STREET, S

 $- {\sf Christina}\ {\sf Andino}, former\ {\sf youth}\ {\sf in}\ {\sf foster}\ {\sf care}$

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• Existing infrastructure • Healthy Families (IN) • Community collaboratives (DC) • New infrastructure • Care Management Entity (CT)

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CONSIDER WORKFORCE IMPLICATIONS

- Different competencies are needed!
- Rethink who provides services
- Be creative





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LOOKING AHEAD

- Be bold and expect to iterate
- Think broadly about community pathways
- Be solution-focused. Engage in barrier-busting and creative problem-solving



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RELATED PRODUCTS

www.casey.org/resources/field-questions/

- How are states building community-based pathways to prevention services through Family First?
- How do Washington, D.C.'s community collaboratives provide neighborhood-based supports to families?
- How can helplines serve as a better pathway for families to access support?
- What are the four pillars of authentic engagement with communities and individuals with lived experience through co-design?
- What are some ways San Francisco's Family Resource Centers strengthen families and protect children?
- How does San Diego's child protection agency partner with 2-1-1 to better serve families and



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MENTIMETER



What is something that was shared today that connects with how your county or tribe is conceptualizing community pathways?





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FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT: COMMUNITY PATHWAYS

Krista Thomas & Jen O'Brien

May 2023

WHAT WILL BE COVERED

Community Pathways to Prevention Services & Supports in the context of the Family First Prevention Services Act (Family First)

- · What are community pathways?
- Benefits & opportunities
- · Challenges & tensions to overcome

Opportunities for Systems Change through Community Pathways: State Examples

Community pathways in approved Family First prevention plans

Break-out Group Discussion: Building Community Pathways in California

Key considerations & questions

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OPERATIONALIZING A COMMUNITY PATHWAY?

A "community pathway" is any avenue that families can use to access title IV-E funded prevention services through Family

First <u>outside</u> of the traditional child welfare service delivery & case management context

Who provides service delivery & case management in a community pathway? Options include but are not limited to:

- 1. Contracted community-based agencies (e.g. family resource centers)
- 2. Specific evidence-based prevention service providers (e.g. home visitors)
- 3. Non-child welfare public agency partners (e.g. Departments of homelessness, behavioral health, public assistance, etc.)

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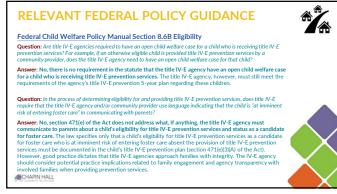
Serves families outside of the child welfare system		
Allows families to voluntarily receive prevention services by trusted pr n their community with no direct on-going child welfare involvement	oviders	
everages federal title IV-E funding through Family First for the prever ervices provided	ntion	
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Promotes collaboration across family-serving systems to develop an ntegrated & more holistic network for families and communities		

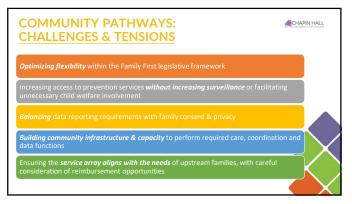
FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT: KEY PREVENTION PROGRAM ACTIVITIES | Identifying & determining who is eligible for prevention services approved in jurisdiction's IV-E Prevention Plan ("candidates") | Developing & monitoring child-specific prevention plans for each child determined to be eligible for Family First evidence-based practices (EBPs) | Referring & connecting children and their families to Family First EBPs | Providing Family First EBPs | Conducting ongoing risk & safety assessments of children and families receiving Family First EBPs | Fidelity monitoring of EBPs & continuous quality improvement (CQI) process | Data reporting to federal government on each child who receives Family First EBPs

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FEDERAL POLICY GUIDANCE RELEVANT TO COMMUNITY PATHWAYS Federal Child Welfare Policy Manual Section 8.6C Question 1: May a title IV-E agency contract out title IV-E administrative activities under the title IV-E prevention services program to a private or public agency? Answer: Yes. A title IV-E agency may contract out title IV-E administrative activities necessary for the administration of the title IV-E prevention program, but the title IV-E agency must supervise the activities performed by the contracted agency. Only the title IV-E agency or a public agency (including a tribe) under a title IV-E agreement is permitted to make the determination that a child is a candidate for foster care. The title IV-E agency may contract with a private or public agency to gather necessary information for the title IV-E agency or public agency/tribe under the agreement must determine candidacy.

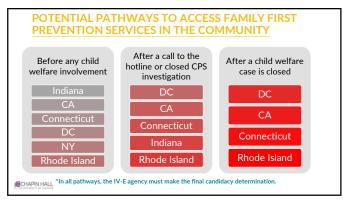


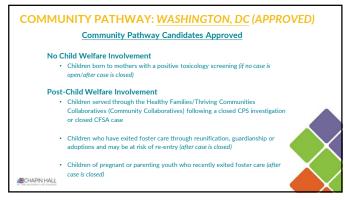


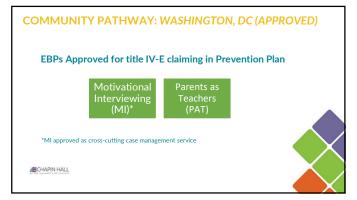






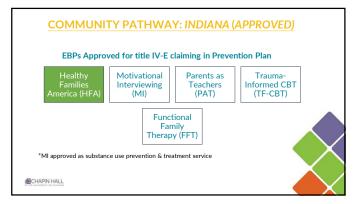


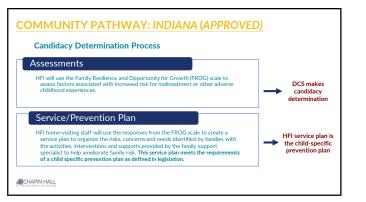










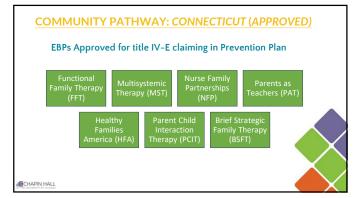


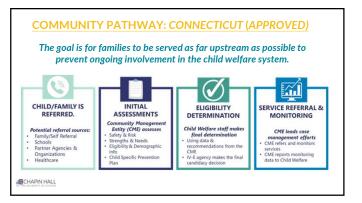


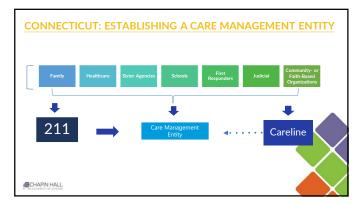
COMMUNITY PATHWAY: NEW YORK (APPROVED) Community Pathway Candidates Approved No Child Welfare Involvement Children eligible and receiving Healthy Families New York (HFNY) home visiting services (with no open case) New York State children who meet the criteria for enrollment in HFNY will be categorically approved as "candidates for foster care" HFNY home visitors will use responses from the Family Resilience and Opportunities for Growth (FROG) scale & other HFNY screening tools to create an individualized preventive service plan Children who meet the criteria for opening a preventive services case that are identified and served by community-based providers or partner state agencies outside the formal child welfare system (future implementation) To Track' families with economic, concrete, or other preventive service needs served through primary, prevention programs without opening a services case (future implementation)











COMMUNITY PATHWAY: RHODE ISLAND (APPROVED) Community Pathway Candidates Approved No Child Welfare Involvement Since 2009, the Rhode Island Department of Children Youth and Families (DCYF) has been partnering with the Department of Health (RIDOH) to develop a network of prevention directed providers statewide, Family Community Care Partnership (FCCP) FCCP deploys both primary and secondary prevention interventions Primary Public service announcements: Safe Sleeping: Parenting; Child Development Financial; Housing: Employment; Health Care Assess Secondary Wraparound; Well-Supported Home Visiting Programs Approximately 3% of families discharged from FCCPs become involved with the Department within six months Children & families referred to the Family Community Care Partnerships (FCCP) by another community-based organization or self-referral.

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COMMUNITY PATHWAY: RHODE ISLAND (APPROVED) Community Pathway Candidates Approved Post Child Welfare Involvement Children & families that are assessed by the DCYF Support and Response Unit (SRU) but receive services through the FCCPs. Children ages 0-17 years whose families have been assessed following a direct call by the family to the SRU seeking assistance from DCYF Families referred to the SRU following a CPS hotline call where Strategic Decision Making (SDM) did not identify safety factors, but risk is present. Children who are post-guardianship and/or post-adoption at risk for disruption of placement and receive services through the FCCPs.







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PLEASE PICK A QUESTION OR TWO

- Infrastructure & Resources: Building a community pathway can require new resources and/or states can leverage existing infrastructure.
 - What community entities and/or public agencies should be included in your county's
 - community pathway?

 What infrastructure already exists?
 - What will need to be built from scratch?
- Engagement & Partnerships: Child welfare is not necessarily the expert at building community pathways.
 - What opportunities exist to build community pathways for/with Tribal Nations?
 - How can your existing relationships with community partners be tapped to build a community pathway? What new partnerships are needed?
 - How do you plan to build trust?





Thanks foll joining 4s! WHAT'S NEXT? - Survey and certificate in the chat now Register for Building the Community Pathway: Part 2 Recording and resources available within two days Watch your inbox for the next issue of CalTrin Connect
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