



## Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) American Rescue Plan Act Funding and Child Care Update

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## American Rescue Plan Act Funding

- DCBS programs awarded American Rescue Plan Act Funds:
  - Community Based Child Abuse Prevention - \$3.4M
  - Child Abuse State Grants - \$1.4M
  - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program - \$61.6M
  - Low Income Household Water Assistance Program - \$8.2M
  - Pandemic Emergency Assistance – TANF - \$17.4M
  - Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Block Grant - \$293.3M
  - Child Care Stabilization - \$470M
  - Child Care Match Rate Enhancement - \$7.1M
- Total of \$862.4M



## Child Care Funding and Update

- The Commonwealth of Kentucky has been awarded \$763 Million in the American Rescue Plan Act specifically dedicated to child care
- \$470 Million is designated for stabilization (sustainability payments) to support child care programs through hardships
- \$293 Million is designated through one-time CCDF funds for:
  - Increasing provider payments
  - Improving payment policies
  - Increasing wages for early childhood educators (in centers and family child care homes)
  - Building the supply of child care for underserved populations

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## Child Welfare Prevention Services

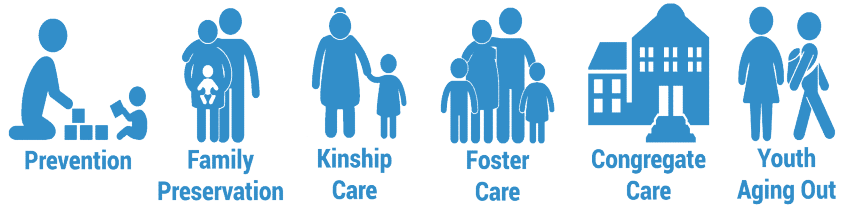
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# FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT: LANDMARK LEGISLATION IMPACTING CHILD WELFARE



## FFPSA: A New Approach to Prevention

- Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) enacted February 9, 2018
- Allows states to use federal Title IV-E funds for evidence-based practices delivered to “candidates for foster care”
- Historically, IV-E funds have only been used for out of home care and adoption costs
- State funds must also be available to cover costs not reimbursed by federal funds (50%)
- States could implement as early as October 1, 2019, but all states must comply by October 1, 2021
- Kentucky was a leader in implementing October 1, 2019

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### What is the status of Family First Prevention Plans?

Alaska



District of Columbia



Hawaii



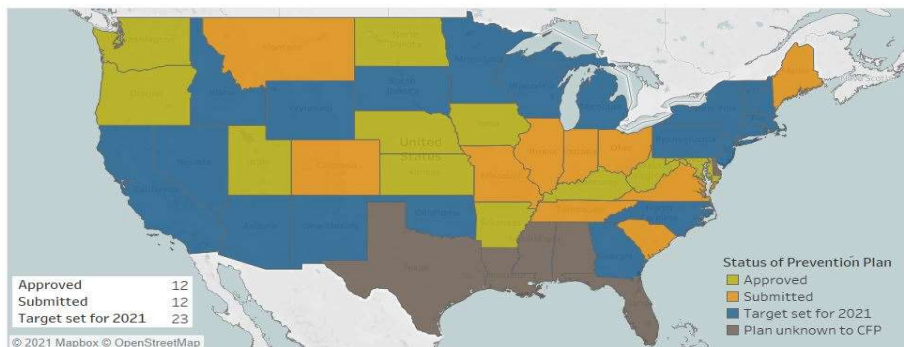
Puerto Rico



U.S. Virgin Islands



United States



**Submitted:** Aleut Community of St. Paul Island, AK

**Submitted:** Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, AZ

**Approved:** Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, NC



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## Building a 21<sup>st</sup> Century DCBS The Five Pillars

- Equity: Social and Economic: Racial Disparities & Poverty: Economic Support
- Trauma/Resilience and Engaged Healing: Clients and Staff
- **Families/Children/Youth**
- Health and Wellness: Behavioral Health, Mental Health, and the Opioid Crisis
- Operations/Implementation and Evaluation: Systemic and Structural Changes

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## Evidence Based Practices (EBPs):

### Mental Health

- Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)
- Multisystemic Therapy (MST)
- Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)
- Functional Family Therapy (FFT)

### Substance Abuse

- Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START)
- Motivational Interviewing (MI)
- Multisystemic Therapy (MST)

### In-Home Parenting Skills

- Homebuilders
- Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Teams (START)

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## Kentucky Strengthening Ties and Empowering Parents (KSTEP)

- KSTEP began in 2017, serving only four counties in Northeastern Service Region
- Expanded to serve four additional counties at the beginning of SFY2020 and to all 15 counties in the region by the end of SFY2020
- In SFY2021, expanded to three counties in Salt River Trail Service Region
- In SFY2020, KSTEP served 202 families including 380 children. At closure, 93% of children remained safely in their home (356 children avoided entry into state custody and out of home care)

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## Family Preservation Program (FPP)

- In SFY2020, FPP served 2,762 families including 4,999 children
- Of these, 93% remained in the home at closure, and 92% were still in the home six months after closure
- If not for availability of FPP services, 4,665 of these children were at risk of being removed from their home and placed in out of home care (OOHC)
- An expansion of 25% was planned for SFY2021
- The goal is to have no waiting list for FPP services anywhere in the state

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## Total Impact of FFPSA Prevention Services

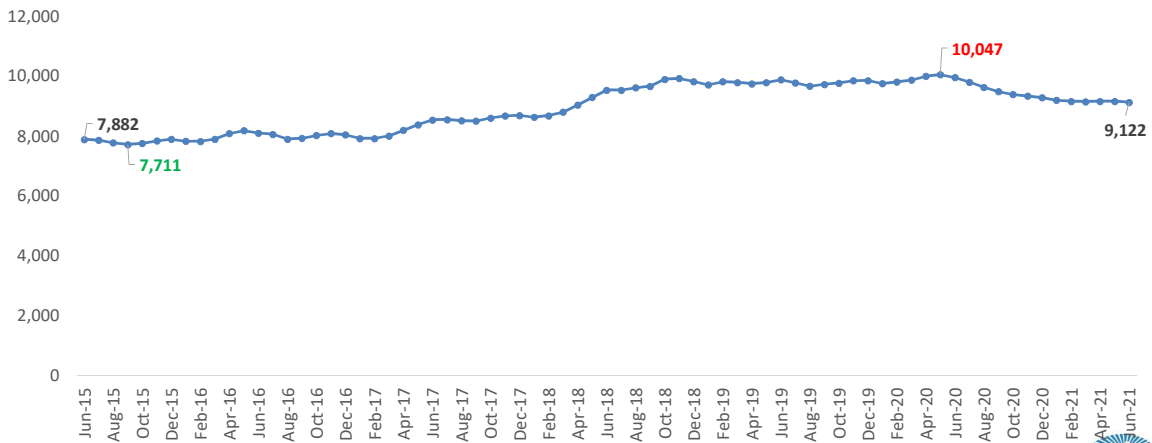
Statewide numbers served for all FFPSA services, including START in SFY2020:

- Total families served: 3,367
- Total children served: 6,132
- Children remaining in the home at closure: 5,706
- Percentage of children remaining in the home at closure: 93%

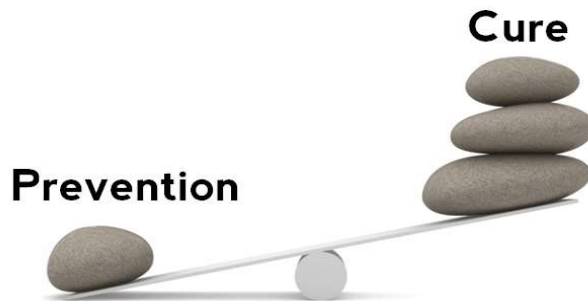
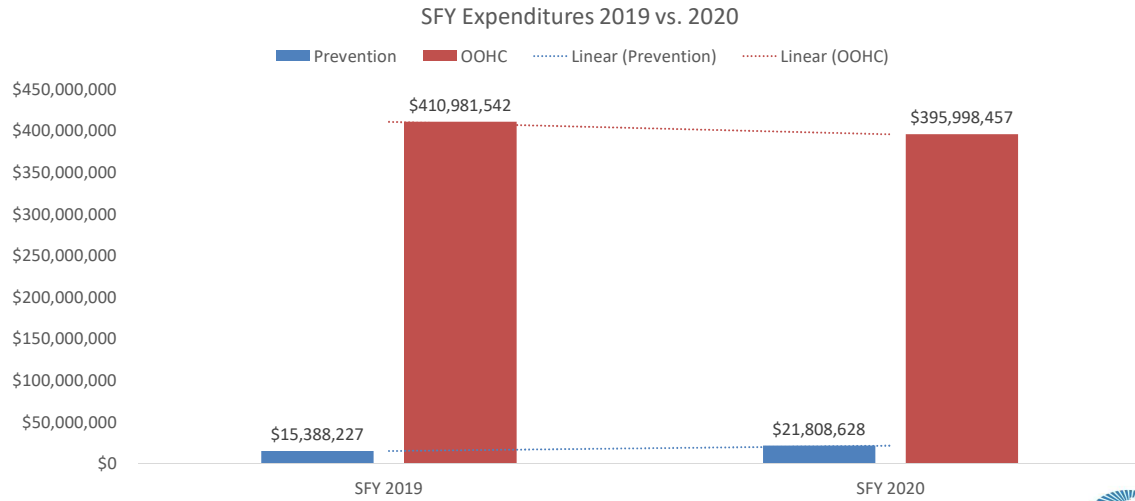


## Children in the Custody of or Committed to the Cabinet

June 2015 – June 2021



## Prevention vs. Out of Home Care Expenditures



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## PRIMARY, SECONDARY, AND TERTIARY PREVENTION

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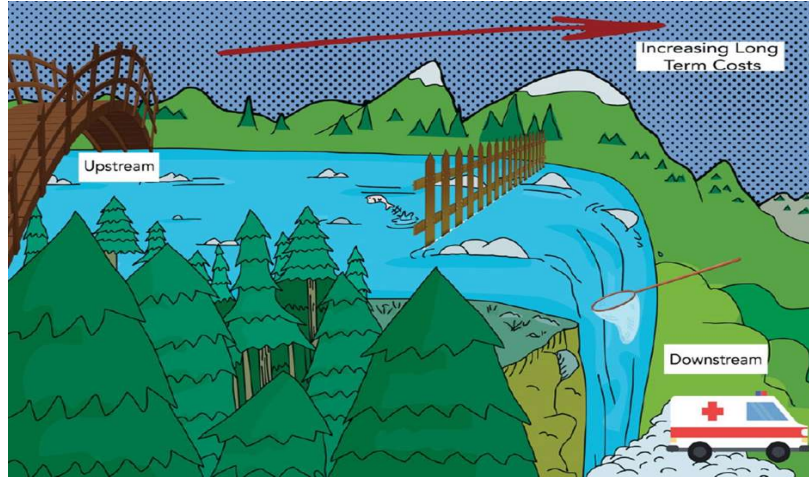
### Types of Prevention Efforts

- Primary prevention activities are directed at the general population and attempt to stop maltreatment before it occurs. All members of the community have access to and may benefit from these services.
- Secondary prevention activities with a high-risk focus are offered to populations that have one or more risk factors associated with child maltreatment.
- Tertiary prevention activities focus on families where maltreatment has already occurred and seek to reduce the negative consequences of the maltreatment and to prevent its recurrence.

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# Moving Upstream



# INVESTMENT IN EXPANSION OF PREVENTION SERVICES

## Planned Expansions Under Family First for SFY2022

- Additional funding (\$20M) appropriated for SFY2022 will be used in the following ways:
  - FPP expansion of an additional 25% is planned for SFY2022
  - KSTEP expansion to all counties in Salt River Trail Service Region and three counties in Cumberland Service Region
  - Increased flex funds for families
  - Multisystemic Therapy pilots
  - Learning collaboratives to increase capacity to provide evidence based practices in Kentucky

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## Expanded Primary and Secondary Prevention Efforts

- A small portion of the \$20M appropriated for prevention and supplemental Community Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) federal funds will be used for:
  - Community response pilots
  - Parent engagement meetings in additional counties
  - Increase in-home service provision under Community Collaborations for Children
  - Client assistance funds for CCC families
  - Creation of prevention collaborative

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## Questions?



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