

The Association of Children's Residential Centers

The Family First Prevention Services Act *What You Need to Know*



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Agenda

- **Background**
- **Overview of the Law**
- **What Residential Providers Need to Know**
- **Consistency with ACRC Values and BBI**
- **Next Steps**
- **Q & A**

Background

What is the FFPSA?

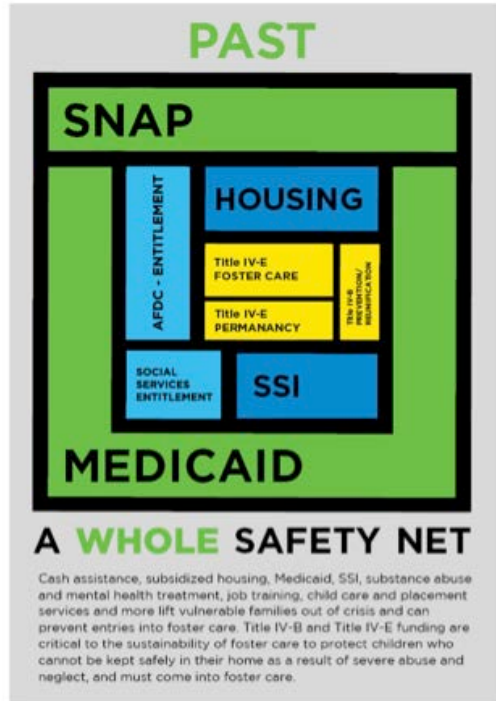
- The Family First Prevention Services Act was passed into law on February 9, 2018 as part of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018.
- From S. 1518 to now...
- The law expands the use of Title IV-E child welfare entitlement dollars to prevent entry into foster care



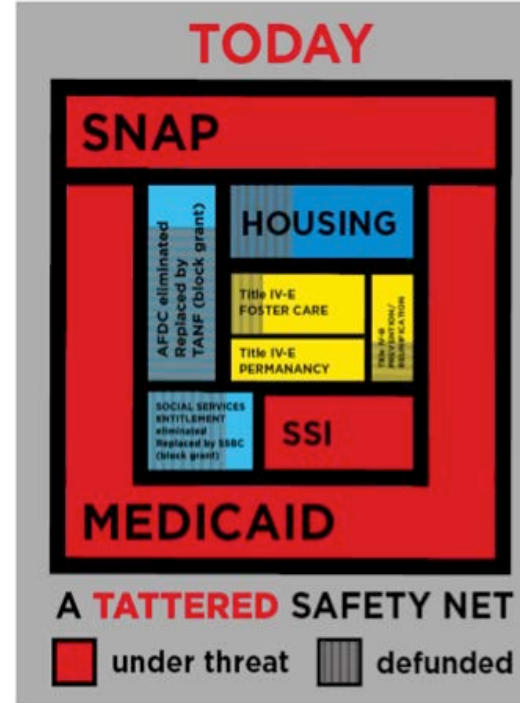
Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018

- **Multiple Provisions Focused on Children & Families:**
 - CHIP Reauthorization – extended for total of 10 years
 - Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) Reauthorization for five years
 - Community Health Clinics reauthorized
 - Supporting Social Impact Partnerships to Pay for Results
 - Family First Prevention Services Act

Federal Budget



Data sources at: kids-alliance.org/safetynet



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Family First Prevention Services Act – Part 1-3

Prevention Activities Under IV-E

- funds promising, supported, and well-supported:
 - mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment provided by a qualified clinician
 - in-home parent skill-based programs
 - Child room and board when placed with a parent in a family residential substance abuse treatment facility
 - for up to 12 months
 - for candidates for foster care and for pregnant or parenting foster youth.
- Promotes kinship placements

Family First Prevention Services Act – Part 4

Ensuring the Necessity of a Placement that is not in a Foster Family Home

- Creates “Specified Setting” categories
- Creates a new classification of residential intervention called a Qualified Residential Treatment Program
- Places requirement to justify eligibility for QRTP placement



Family First Prevention Services Act – Part 5-8

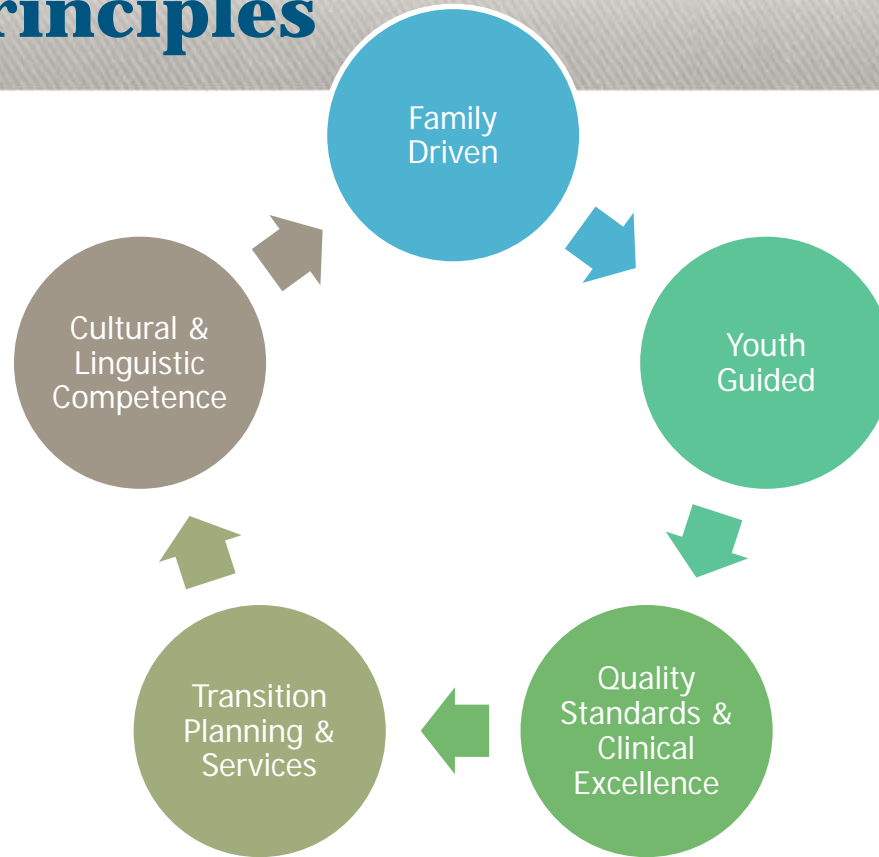
- Supports foster parent recruitment
- Relinks adoption subsidy for children under 2 years old to AFDC until 2025
- Other technical changes

together, the voice

ACRC's Mission: Providing a powerful voice for residential interventions through relationships, leadership, advocacy, and the *promotion of innovative treatment and best practices.*

ACRC's Vision: ACRC envisions youth and families thriving in their homes and communities; and should they require residential interventions, having *uncompromised access to quality treatment at the right time.*

BBI Core Principles



Next Steps

- **Rulemaking by HHS**
- **Rulemaking and planning at the state level**
- **Building system and provider capacity**



Resources

- **FFPSA Summary**
- **ACRC Position Papers**
- **BBI website**
- **Aftercare research – RBS and OTWH**
- **ACRC Conference and peer networks**

Questions?



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