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## **BBI Family-based Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (FBRSAT) Technical Assistance (TA) Project**

### **What is the BBI (FBRSAT) TA Project?**

The *Family-Based Residential Substance Abuse Treatment* (FBRSAT) technical assistance (TA) project is being established to help fill the gap in some states and geographical areas for FBRSAT programs that serve families involved with child welfare. The BBI FBRSAT TA program involves program leader ‘experts’ from around the country who are already providing effective quality FBRSAT programs that deliver services to families involved with child welfare. These programs are consistent with the Family First Prevention Services Act (Family First) requirements for Title IV-E reimbursement of the room and board for a child(ren) who is/are in out of home care and living with their parent based on the child’s case plan. The BBI FBRSAT TA Project ‘experts’ also include ‘experts’ in working with state oversight agency leaders from Child Welfare and the Women Services Coordinators. These oversight agency ‘experts’ are available to help state child welfare provider agency leaders who would like to include or expand the use of FBRSAT programs in their service array.

The available TA ranges from remote methods such as webinars and telephonic coaching to on-the-ground one- or multiple day trainings for a group of oversight agency stakeholders, groups of oversight agency and program stakeholders, and/or individual program site work. Technical Assistance packages will be developed that meet the needs as identified by the oversight agency; TA can be designated for oversight agency leaders and/or program leaders. Technical Assistance might range from general information about effective quality FBRSAT programs that deliver services to families involved with child welfare to more detailed TA on specific programmatic components and business strategies to develop and open a FBRSAT program.

### **How the BBI (FBRSAT) TA Project Can Support Child Welfare Oversight Agencies and their Residential Organizations:**

- When there is a gap of FBRSAT programs in a geographical area, this BBI project can help fill the gap with TA to develop effective quality Family First compliant FBRSAT programs for families involved with child welfare.
- This BBI project can support existing child welfare residential providers who may no longer be able to provide traditional congregate care as a result of the state’s implementation of Family First which resulted in reduced need for residential beds; these programs may have an interest in implementing a FBRSAT program to address organization fiscal losses, and more importantly, to support their oversight agency in successfully addressing the needs of families and children.
- This BBI project can support current child welfare related providers who want to expand their service array and add this service to their service and support offerings.