

Wisconsin's Title IV-E Five-Year Prevention Plan



What is the Five-Year Prevention Plan?

As part of the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA), the Five-Year Prevention Plan outlines how Wisconsin intends to implement evidence-based, Title IV-E Prevention Clearinghouse Services. DCF is able to receive partial federal reimbursement for these identified services when they are delivered to children who are “candidates”.

Title IV-E Prevention Clearinghouse Services in the Five-Year Prevention Plan include:

- **Nurse-Family Partnership**
- **Healthy Families America**
- **Parents as Teachers**

These services are one small piece of Wisconsin's larger Child Welfare Transformation to keep more kids safely in-home and connected with family.

What will be changing on October 1, 2021?

- In jurisdictions where the above services are already used, DCF will begin to collect data related to how these services impact outcomes for children.
- To capture this service information, [minor documentation changes](#) on the Case and Permanency Plans will be taking effect on 9/29/2021.
- To meet the needs of families in-home, agencies are encouraged to consider the [entire constellation of services](#).
- Service selection should continue to be driven by an assessment of needs, in partnership with families.
- Where the above services are not available, or not appropriate for the family, agencies are encouraged to consider creative strategies in line with the goal to **dramatically reduce the number of children served in out-of-home care**.

Who is considered a “candidate” for Title IV-E Prevention Services?

- Children who are being served by the local child welfare agency and have been determined to be unsafe.
- Children who have been returned to their parent's care, and services remain necessary to prevent re-entry.
- Children or youth engaged in the youth justice system with identified risk factors that are determined as part of the standardized assessment process.
- Children or youth engaged in the youth justice system who are returning to their parent's care post-removal, and services remain necessary to prevent re-entry.

