

# FFPSA Updates

*Family First Prevention Services Act*

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*Future Updates can be found here:*

<https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/family-first/dmcp>



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# Supporting In-Home Services/Preventing Removal Workgroup

- Quick Recap

- Goal:

- In alignment with the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) and DMCCPS' goal around striving to keep children safe and in the home if possible.
    - Gather information to inform on successful practice/service interventions provided to families which help keep children and families safely together.

- DMCCPS focused on children who experienced a six months or less stay in out-of-home care
  - Utilization of qualitative and quantitative data (demographics, ages, and safety decisions)



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- Where are we:
  - We have identified the population of children and families to complete the qualitative review
    - 86 children and families who returned home 30 days or less
  - We have completed the qualitative review tool focusing on understanding
    - Why short stay in out of home care-contributing factors
    - Family system: strengths/conditions/dynamics
    - Availability of supports
    - Practice information/implications and/or outside influences
    - Any/all information we can pull together/learn and use from this population
      - To help with our practice
      - To help develop/enhance preventative services
      - To support children in their homes/prevent removals
  - We have identified reviewers and are in the process of training the reviewers to the fidelity of the tool
  - We will conduct the review and analyze/pull together the data for next steps



# Rightsizing Congregate Care and Breaking Barriers in Milwaukee

Project partnership between DMCPs, partners and Casey Family Programs aimed at identifying systemic barriers for placement of youth in family-based settings and reducing DMCPs' reliance on congregate care (group home and residential care center) placements.



Prioritizing:

- Voices of those with lived experience on Design Team and through listening circles this summer
- Identifying areas of concern and taking immediate action
- Utilizing case reviews to identify systemic barriers



# Qualified Residential Treatment Placements (QRTP)

- Many contracted group home(s) and residential care center(s) with DMCPs have now become certified as QRTPs through DCF
  - 25 are certified or going through certification process
- DMCPs had first QRTP placements in Q2 2022
  - Youth placed prior to facility's certification are "legacy" youth and do not require new court processes
- Additional oversight
  - Court paperwork and approval for all QRTP placements
  - DMCPs review of all submitted paperwork (short-term)
  - Extended Placements require DMCPs Administrator approval
  - Additional information can be found here: <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/family-first/qntp>

