

CJJ Council of State Advisory Groups
Presentation:



Family First Prevention Services Act: Opportunities and Concerns for Juvenile Justice Stakeholders

Context: What will impact your opportunities and concerns?

- Where is your state in its implementation timeline?
- How collaborative are your CW and JJ systems
 - Where is JJ housed?
- What's already in place re: prevention and residential services?
 - CW and JJ services
 - Medicaid
- What JJ reforms have you already instituted?
 - Limits on incarceration
 - Investments in community-based services

Family First Act: Opportunities for Juvenile Justice Stakeholders

- Reduced JJ involvement due to better CW responses
- Better/earlier service availability
 - Investing in EPBs and building an evidence base for promising programs
 - Serving more JJ youth through appropriate candidacy definitions
- Increased collaboration between systems and stakeholders

Opportunities (continued)

- Focus on meeting adolescents' needs
 - In home/preventative services
 - Foster family recruitment/retention
 - Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC)
 - Serving youth in the most appropriate system (e.g. addressing family issues using family-focused services)
- Working towards broader change
 - Primary prevention
 - Residential care

Family First Act: Concerns for Juvenile Justice Stakeholders

- Increased use of JJ confinement as group homes close
 - Collect and respond to data promptly!
 - Strengthen diversion/de-incarceration policies
- Increased JJ system contact if CW is not meeting the needs of youth/families
 - JJ must be at the table as CW is planning Family First implementation
- Potential for lack of real change
 - Overuse of group care exceptions
 - Medicaid/EBP issues
 - Overly narrow candidacy definitions

Questions?

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