Family First Prevention Services Resources

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This deck includes descriptions of and links to the following Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) resources from PCG:

- Motivational Interviewing Guide, developed in collaboration with Chapin Hall
- Family First Prevention Services Act: High Quality Service Standards for Specialized Settings, Key Considerations for Developing Residential Programming for Survivors and Young People at Risk of Sex Trafficking
- Prevention Services Claiming Flowchart
- Guide to Title IV-E Maintenance Claiming for Congregate Care
- PCG FFPSA consultant contact information
Motivational Interviewing (MI) is a Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse-approved Well Supported Practice.

When implemented effectively and with fidelity, MI creates affirming and transformative service experiences through which workers and clinicians have been trained to reach, engage, and empower families—replacing the reactive or punitive interactions that have characterized child welfare for too long.

Chapin Hall and PCG partnered to publish this roadmap for MI planning and readiness, implementation and change management, claiming, and continuous quality improvement.

Download the MI Guide
Motivational Interviewing is a collaborative, goal-oriented style of communication with particular attention to the language of change. It is designed to strengthen personal motivation for and commitment to a specific goal by eliciting and exploring the person’s own reasons for change within an atmosphere of acceptance and compassion. (Miller & Rollnick, 2013)

Motivational interviewing (MI) is a communication style that can assist in engaging a family toward change. This introductory MI training will provide you opportunities to learn and practice the skills to engage families within the child welfare system and support them as they work toward their goals.

PCG has partnered with The Carey Group, Inc. to develop a Motivational Interviewing training curriculum specifically for child and family services which can be tailored to meet the goals of your agency training plan. Our catalog includes both introductory and advanced courses. Our approach includes a series of small group interactive training sessions for both caseworkers and supervisors to prepare workers to use the techniques with families and to help supervisors support workers.

Contact Travis Robinson at trrobinson@pcgus.com for more information.
The Family First Prevention Services Act allows for Title IV-E funding to support costs associated with “settings providing high-quality residential care and supportive services to children and youth who have been found to be, or are at risk of becoming, sex trafficking victims.”

Public Consulting Group (PCG) conducted an analysis of what it means to provide quality supportive services in congregate care settings to children and youth who are at risk of sex trafficking in a way that would reduce their risk or help them permanently escape trafficking by reviewing research publications and consulting with service providers and researchers in the field of sex trafficking.
Family First Prevention Services Claiming Flowchart

The excerpt of our Family First Prevention Services flow chart to the right provides a window into the complexity of the rules associated with claiming costs under the Title IV-E Prevention Services program.

Our flowchart lays out the rules associated with claiming under the program so that your eligibility, claiming, and systems teams can develop systems functionality and standard operating procedures that capture costs accurately.

Access the Flowchart Here
Guide to Title IV-E Maintenance Claiming for Congregate Care Settings

Family First significantly limits Title IV-E funded federal reimbursement for foster care settings that are not family-like settings. The goal is for more children to live in family like settings when foster care cannot be prevented, with kinship as the most preferred foster care homes.

Family First layers rules upon rules, so that states may be able to claim Title IV-E funding for 14 days, 60 days, 90 days, 12 months or longer, or 0 days, depending on the circumstances. Our guide lays out which rules apply to which circumstances.

Access our Guide Here
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