

TRANSFORMATIONAL CHANGE: A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

BUILDING STRONG PARTNERSHIPS TO IMPLEMENT THE FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT

THE FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT (FAMILY FIRST) IS A FEDERAL LAW THAT WILL FUNDAMENTALLY REDESIGN IOWA'S CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM AND PUTS GREATER EMPHASIS ON PREVENTION TO KEEP KIDS SAFE AND FAMILIES TOGETHER.

The members of the Coalition for Family and Children's Services are committed to helping the Department of Human Services successfully implement the requirements of Family First.

This results in **BETTER OUTCOMES FOR IOWA'S AT-RISK CHILDREN**, including:

Stronger preventative services for substance abuse, mental health, and parental skill development

Fewer children in out-of-home placement

Shorter lengths of stay in shelters and group homes

An expanded menu of options – from preventative to residential treatment – for-at-risk kids



In order for Iowa to draw down Family First federal funds, private providers that contract with the state will be required to implement scientific, evidence-based practices (EBPs) to serve families. Evidence-based practices will support better outcomes for kids.

That means Iowa must invest **NOW**. Providers must have the necessary start-up and maintenance funds and the time to prepare our workforce to meet the demands of Family First. **This requires a significant fiscal commitment: \$10 million in FY2020, an additional \$10 million in FY2021, and an additional \$5 million in both FYs 2022 and 2023.** Support Iowa's human services providers as we help Iowa meet its goal to strengthen families and keep children safe.



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