Prevention Services Continuum

Primary
Activities directed at the general population to stop maltreatment before it occurs

Secondary
Activities with a high-risk focus offered to populations that have one or more risk factors associated with maltreatment

Tertiary
Activities that focus on families where maltreatment has already occurred and seek to reduce the negative consequences of the maltreatment and prevent its recurrence
Placement Prevention Services

- Opens Federal Title IV-E dollars for specified services to be provided:
  - Mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment services provided by a qualified clinician
  - In-home parent skill-based programs that include parenting skills training, parent education and individual and family counseling
  - Evidence-based: Promising, supported, or well-supported practices
  - Listed in the Prevention Services Clearinghouse

- Services:
  - Can be given for up to 12 months (more than one 12-month occurrence)
  - 50% reimbursement
  - 50% of the services must be in the well-supported category
Today in North Dakota: A child or youth who is a “candidate” foster care is one who is at serious risk of removal from the home as evidenced by the agency either pursuing his/her removal or making reasonable efforts to prevent such removal.
Placement Prevention Services

- **Service Recipients**
  - Agencies who determine candidacy are: ND DHS, County Social Services, DJS, and Tribal Social Services
  - Candidacy is *eligibility criteria*, not a service.
  - States claim IV-E reimbursement for activities provided to children who are not in foster care.
  - Candidacy is NOT a service or a specific activity, nor is candidacy maintenance reimbursement.
  - A child may not be considered a candidate for foster care solely because the ND Department of Human Services or its authorized agents are minimally involved with the child and his/her family.
Placement Prevention Services

- **WHEN:** Title IV-E reimbursement for eligible prevention services begins October 1, 2019, but cannot start until implementation of QRTP provisions.

- **NON-SUPPLANTATION:** New federal funds for prevention services are intended to supplement, not supplant, state funding for prevention services.

- **MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT:** MOE will be set at FFY 2014 spending for these same prevention services for candidates for foster care.
State Title IV-E Prevention Plan

- North Dakota Prevention Plan will need to address:
  - Determine eligibility (definition of candidacy)
  - What EBPs North Dakota will use
  - Description of how the state will administer the program
  - Monitoring for safety
  - Training of caseworkers
  - Tracking of fidelity and outcomes
Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse

- Link:  https://preventionservices.abtsites.com/
- Requires prevention services and programs be trauma-informed and promising, supported, or well-supported
- Handbook of Standards and Procedures and webinar are available
- Identified first set of programs/services listed and next set for review
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* Well-supported EBPs
Recent Administration of Children & Families (ACF) Updates...

- Child Welfare Policy Manual clarification: States CANNOT use Medicaid expenditures to meet the requirement of 50% well-supported EBPs as part of Title IV-E Placement Prevention Services reimbursement plan.

- If public or private program providers (such as private health insurance or Medicaid) would pay for a service allowable under the Title IV-E Prevention Plan, those providers have the responsibility to pay for these services before the Title IV-E agency would be required to pay.