DUAL STATUS YOUTH INITIATIVE

Children and youth who come into contact with both the child welfare and juvenile justice (delinquency) systems.

FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT (PL 115-132)

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TITLE IV-E FUNDING IMBALANCE

$4.4 billion awarded to 13,700 children in foster care
$703 million: Impact on children's money

SHIFTING RESOURCES TO SUPPORT WHAT RESEARCH INDICATES WILL WORK FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Investing in what does work!
NORTH DAKOTA OVERVIEW

- **FFPSA Law Passed**: Aug. 2018
- **National Meetings for States in Denver**: Oct. 2018
- **Kinship Navigator**: Nov. 2018
- **ND Stakeholder Convening in Capitol**: 2019
- **Stakeholder Calls**: Monthly + website, Jan – Apr 2019
- **Legislative Session**: NDCC 50-11, Budget $$, Apr - Aug 2019
- **Ongoing development of rules, policy, program planning, etc.**: Aug. 2019
- **Contract with Ascend**: Sept. 2019
- **NDAC rules are passed for four chapters!**: Aug. 2019
- **Implementation**: John H. Chafee Foster Care Independence Program (Sec. 50753)
- **State plan requirement under Title IV-E to describe activities**: To reduce the length of time to permanency for children under age 5 and address the developmental needs of all vulnerable children under age 5 who receive services (Sec. 50772)
- **Title IV-E Adoption Assistance “delink” and the savings and investments (Sec. 50782)**
- **Reauthorized a number of Title IV-B programs through FY2021 (Sec. 50752)**
- **Title IV-B, Subpart 1, Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program (Title IV-B, Subpart 2), Funding instructions for supporting monthly caseworker visits and Court Improvement Program Grants**:

- **Done in February 2019**
- **In discussion**: Title IV-D reimbursement for a child who has been placed with a parent in a licensed residential family-based treatment facility for substance abuse. (Sec. 50744)
- **On Hold - Pending**: Remuneration for 50% of the state’s expenditures on kinship navigator programs (Sec. 50713)
- **Finalized Rule and Application**: Family Licensing will mirror the national model standards per NDAC 75-03-14 (Sec. 50731)
- **Finalized Law, Rule, Policy & Forms**: Offer Supervised Independent Living for 18+ foster children in ND via NDAC 75-03-41 (Sec. 50741)
- **Effective October 2019**: Reimbursement for 50% of the state’s expenditures on prevention program that are well supported evidence based per the prevention plan (Sec. 50771)
- **Effective October 2019**: Offer licensure for Qualified Residential Treatment Facility per NDAC 75-03-40 (Sec. 50745)
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DIFFERENCE OF RCCF VS QRTP

**RCCF Resident Characteristics**
- Previous/history
- Family setting is not secured
- A safe bed in a group home/facility
- Placement was infinite amount of time, no length of stay requirements
- No specific treatment/service requirements
- Most youth manage full day of school in the community without disruption/intervention, etc.

**QRTP Resident Characteristics**
- Current/future
- Use CANS domain criteria
- Several areas of need of treatment/intervention

NEW ~ QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM (QRTP)
- Licensed and accredited
- Trauma informed treatment model
- Registered or licensed nursing and other clinical staff onsite
- Level of care assessment
- 60 day review hearings
- Full family engagement
- Aftercare supports for 6 months

WHAT IS THE CANS?
- Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths assessment
- Developed for children’s services to support decision making
  - Level of care and strengths-based service planning
  - To facilitate quality improvement initiatives
  - To allow for the monitoring of outcomes of services
- Each item suggests different pathways for service planning
- 4 levels for each item with anchored definitions to translate into action levels

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