

# Minnesota's Family First Prevention Services Act

## Prevention Services workgroup vision

### Vision:

- Children are safe and cared for in their families
- A systemic approach to child welfare that improves outcomes and actualizes the potential of Minnesota's children
- Community based, culturally relevant services provided to families that eliminate entry into the child welfare and child protection systems

### Values:

- When safe, children should remain in familial and/or cultural settings
- The diversity of families we serve is reflected in the services and providers we support
- Strengthening of families, kinship and family well-being
- Prevent maltreatment and other conditions that lead to out-of-home placement

### Objectives:

How we will know we are there:

- Child welfare practice standards are clear and applied consistently;
- There is a shared understanding of the best outcomes for children;
- Prevention Services are culturally relevant, expanded and improved to better meet the needs of families;
- Services are family driven and aimed to increase family capacity to care for child(ren);
- Partnerships between child-serving agencies are strengthened and providers reflect the ethnicity of their clients;
- Effective prevention services are coordinated, aligned, and integrated across systems; and
- Prevention services are evaluated for effectiveness and providers are held accountable for best in class measures.

### Goals:

When we do these things we will:

- Improve the health and well-being of families
- Reduce maltreatment and keep children with their families
- Reduce re-entry into foster care
- Respond to and take corrective action on the disproportionate number of American Indian and African American children in Minnesota's child protection system
- Standardize Minnesota's child welfare safety practices
- Expand service availability and array in a culturally responsive and coordinated way; and
- Create an accessible and sustainable system of prevention services that strengthens the family and improves outcomes for the child(ren).

**Strategies:**

Improving child welfare practice

- Provide training, professional development, and support to ensure a well-qualified child welfare workforce
- Support expansion of Safety Practice Profiles statewide
- Use coaching as an avenue to support child welfare practice
- Improve current practice tools used
- Set regional goals for Counties to meet in their specific areas of improvement (Accountability Measures)

Expanding and improving services

- Conduct a needs assessment to identify gaps in prevention practice (culture to work process)
- Identify services currently available in Minnesota approved by the FFPSA federal clearinghouse for inclusion on Minnesota’s five year plan
- Identify services not currently available in Minnesota approved by the FFPSA federal clearinghouse to consider developing in Minnesota
- Identify culturally relevant services that may be appropriate to conduct research on for inclusion in Minnesota’s five year plan
- Identify other strategies outside of FFPSA to develop services that meet the needs of Minnesota families

Improving coordination between child serving systems

- Identify opportunities to improve existing system coordination
- Create methods of data sharing compliant with data privacy laws to coordinate services

Measures: TBD, identify and report quarterly, bi-annual, monthly, etc.

We will know when we achieve this when...add measures here.

Measure	Statewide 10/1/20	10/1/21	10/1/22	10/1/23	10/1/24	10/1/24
<b>Total Out of Home Placements</b>						
<b>NA Out of Home Placements</b>						
<b>AA Out of Home Placements</b>						
In Home Service Providers						
Number of In-Home Cases						

Re-entry into Foster Care						
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