

## Family First Prevention Services Act – Prevention Services Candidacy

### Placement Prevention Services Candidacy

#### Federal requirements related to prevention candidacy

To be eligible for IV-E placement prevention services a child will need to be candidate for foster care, a pregnant or parenting youth in foster care, or parents or kin caregivers of an eligible child. A child is a prevention candidate for foster care who is identified as being at imminent risk of entering or re-entering foster care including a child whose adoption or guardianship arrangement is at risk of disruption or dissolution.

In order to claim IV-E reimbursement as a prevention services candidate, the following requirements must be in place for each child:

- An eligibility process
- A prevention services plan that identifies the prevention strategies and lists the services to be provided
- A safety and risk assessment process
- A recertification process for services that continue beyond the 12-month limit

In addition, the following information must be federally reported for each child:

- The specific services provided to the child and/or family
- The total expenditures for each of the services provided to the child and/or family
- The duration of the services provided
- Whether the child enters foster care anytime during and within a 12 month period after receiving prevention services
- Basic demographic information

#### Minnesota's Prevention Services Candidacy

The federal requirements surrounding Prevention candidacy make a tiered approach, beginning with a narrow approach into prevention candidacy, a natural first step, followed by a broader child welfare population.

##### Tier 1 Prevention Candidates

While continuing to plan for a child welfare population, Minnesota's initial Prevention Services Prevention candidates will include the following:

- Children and families receiving in-home child protective services case management
- Court-involved (CHIPS) families when one or more child remains with their family under protective supervision
- Children who have reunified with their family following an out of home placement through child protection
- Pregnant or parenting foster care youth

##### Tier 2 Prevention Candidates

While implementing Minnesota's initial Prevention Services plan, Minnesota will be developing methods to meet federal requirements to consider including the following Prevention candidates:

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- Adopted child who are at-risk of re-entry
- Families receiving Parent Support Outreach (PSOP) case management services
- Pregnant women who are referred for substance abuse or misuse
- Minor parents receiving in-home case management
- Children referred to child welfare who are:
  - experiencing sexual exploitation by a non-caregiver alleged offender [Minn. Stat. 260C.007, subd. 31];
  - experiencing labor trafficking [as defined by Minn. Stat. 609.281] by any alleged offender; or
  - at-risk of becoming sex trafficked or sexually exploited.
- Other child welfare services, e.g., children’s mental health.

Specifically, a risk and safety assessment process needs to be identified for each of these tier two Prevention candidates, as well as the addition of a prevention plan as a natural integration into each type of service plan.

Prevention candidate grid

Candidate	Description	Prevention plan	Safety/risk process	Tier / Date for completion
<b>Child in an open child protection (CP) case management workgroup</b>	Following a CP assessment or investigation, a child/family may require or request additional services/monitoring for safety and is opened into CP case management	Incorporate required elements into current CP plan used for in-home case management	Use current Structured Decision Making (SDM) Safety and Risk Reassessment tools to monitor ongoing safety and risk	Tier 1 October 1, 2021
<b>Court involved child/family who is subject of a CHIPS petition but remains in-home under protective supervision</b>	A CHIPS petition may be filed that subjects the child/family to court orders to ensure child safety while a child remains at home.	Incorporate required elements into current CP plan used for in-home case management	Use current Structured Decision Making (SDM) Safety and Risk Reassessment tools to monitor ongoing safety and risk	Tier 1 October 1, 2021

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Candidate	Description	Prevention plan	Safety/risk process	Tier / Date for completion
<b>Child who have reunified with their primary caregivers</b>	Services may be needed/requested upon a return of a child from out-of-home placement to support permanency and stability of the family	Incorporate required elements into current CP plan used for in-home case management	Use current Structured Decision Making (SDM) Safety and Risk Reassessment tools to monitor ongoing safety and risk	Tier 1 October 1, 2021
<b>Pregnant or parenting foster care youth</b>	Additional support may be needed for a youth who is pregnant or parenting their own child while in foster care	Incorporate required elements into current Out-of-Home Placement Plan	Use current Structured Decision Making (SDM) Safety and Risk Reassessment tools to monitor ongoing safety and risk	Tier 1 October 1, 2021
<b>Adopted child at risk of re-entry</b>	Families may require additional support post-adoption to support permanency	Requires analysis on which case plan to utilize	No current process; requires development	Tier 2 October 1, 2023
<b>Child in a Parent Support Outreach Program (PSOP) case management workgroup</b>	Families receiving PSOP may need a variety of services/program access to support well-being	Incorporate required elements into current Parent Support Outreach Program plan	No current process; requires development	Tier 2 October 1, 2023
<b>Pregnant woman who is referred for substance abuse or misuse</b>	A pregnant woman using or abusing substance may need additional support / access to services to support health and well-being	Incorporate required elements into current Child Welfare Services plan	No current process; requires development	Tier 2 October 1, 2023

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Candidate	Description	Prevention plan	Safety/risk process	Tier / Date for completion
Minor parent receiving in-home case management	Youth that are parenting their own child may require additional services to support their own and their children’s health and well-being	Incorporate required elements into current Minor Parent plan	No current process; requires development	Tier 2 October 1, 2023
Child referred to child welfare who experiencing sexual exploitation by a non-caregiver; experiencing labor trafficking; or at risk of sexual exploitation or trafficking	Child who is at-risk of or experiencing trafficking may require additional services to support their health and well-being	Incorporate required elements into current Child Welfare Services plan	No current process; requires development	Tier 2 October 1, 2023
Child receiving children’s mental health	Child who is receiving children’s mental health case management may benefit from access to additional services to support their health and well-being.	Incorporate required elements into current children’s mental health case plan	No current process; requires development	Tier 2 October 1, 2023

### Data regarding initial Prevention Services Tier 1 candidates

The following data represents data related to the initial proposed set of Prevention services candidates.

### Children in newly-opened child protection case management

Data shown here includes the number of children identified in at least one child protection case management case that opened sometime during calendar year 2018. Only children under 18 years old are included. Age was calculated at the time the new case management case was opened.

### Number of children involved in newly-opened child protection case management cases (2018)

Shown by race / ethnicity

Child race / ethnicity	Number of children
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African American / black	2,368
American Indian	1,356
Asian / Pacific Islander	381
Two or more races	2,120
Unknown / declined	322
White	6,241
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,788</b>
Hispanic (any race)	1,521

**Number of children involved in newly-opened child protection case management cases (2018)**

Shown by age

<b>Child age (years)</b>	<b>Number of children</b>
0 - 2	3,464
3 - 5	2,250
6 - 8	2,122
9 - 11	2,110
12 - 14	1,673
15 - 17	1,207
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,788</b>

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**Number of children involved in newly-opened child protection case management cases (2018)**

Shown by local agency

Local agency	Number of children
Aitkin	53
Anoka	435
Becker	166
Beltrami	314
Benton	192
Big Stone	15
Blue Earth	99
Brown	68
Carlton	86
Carver	124
Cass	59
Chippewa	99
Chisago	99
Clay	149
Clearwater	17
Cook	25
Crow Wing	139
Dakota	531
Douglas	88
Fillmore	17
Freeborn	110
Goodhue	57
Grant	41
Hennepin	3,394
Houston	28
Hubbard	110
Isanti	88
Itasca	109
Kanabec	73
Kandiyohi	120
Kittson	6
Koochiching	44
Lac qui Parle	24
Lake	50
Lake of the Woods	11
Le Sueur	40
McLeod	95
Mahnomen	15
Marshall	17
Meeker	42
Mille Lacs	119
Morrison	98

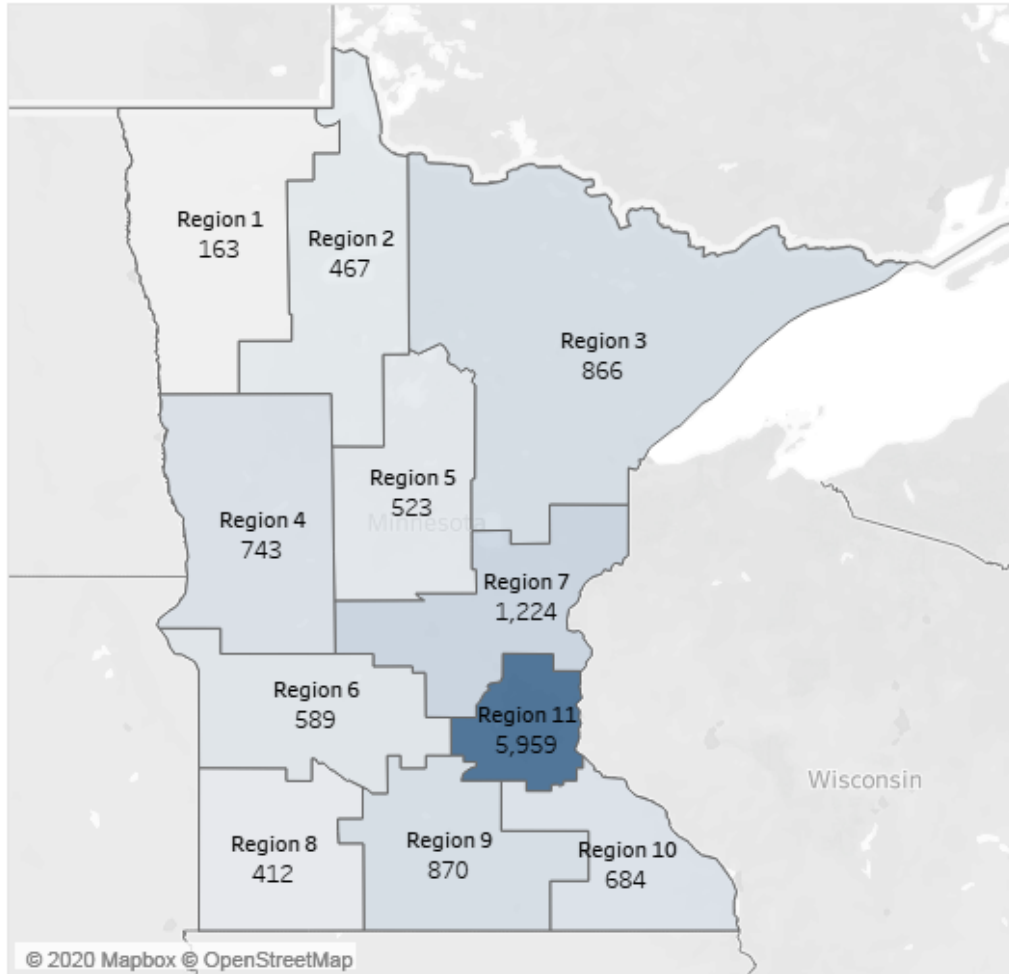
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<b>Local agency</b>	<b>Number of children</b>
Mower	53
Nicollet	126
Nobles	86
Norman	20
Olmsted	280
Otter Tail	154
Pennington	9
Pine	106
Polk	68
Pope	44
Ramsey	1,108
Red Lake	1
Renville	85
Rice	127
Roseau	42
St. Louis	499
Scott	159
Sherburne	138
Sibley	106
Stearns	280
Stevens	41
Swift	62
Todd	80
Traverse	30
Wabasha	37
Wadena	147
Washington	208
Watonwan	44
Wilkin	30
Winona	85
Wright	129
Yellow Medicine	47
Southwest HHS	231
Des Moines Valley HHS	95
Faribault-Martin	122
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,788</b>

Child Welfare Initiative Tribes (not shown) are included in totals

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**Number of children involved in new Child Protection case management work groups (2018)**



Source: Social Services Information System (SSIS). Data were pulled in January 2020 by the Research and Evaluation Unit of Child Safety and Permanency within the Minnesota Department of Human Services.

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### Children in newly-opened minor parents case management

Data shown here includes the number of children identified in at least one Minor Parents case management work group that opened sometime during calendar year 2018. Only children under 18 years old are included. Age was calculated at the time the new case management case was opened.

#### Number of children involved in newly-opened Minor Parents case management work groups (2018)

Shown by race / ethnicity

Race / ethnicity	Number of children
African American / black	20
American Indian	20
Asian / Pacific Islander	0
Two or more races	29
Unknown / declined	18
White	130
<b>Total</b>	<b>217</b>
Hispanic (any race)	60

#### Number of children involved in newly-opened Minor Parents case management work groups (2018)

Shown by age

Child age (years)	Number of children
0 - 2	96
3 - 5	5
6 - 8	0
9 - 11	1
12 - 14	8
15 - 17	107
<b>Total</b>	<b>217</b>

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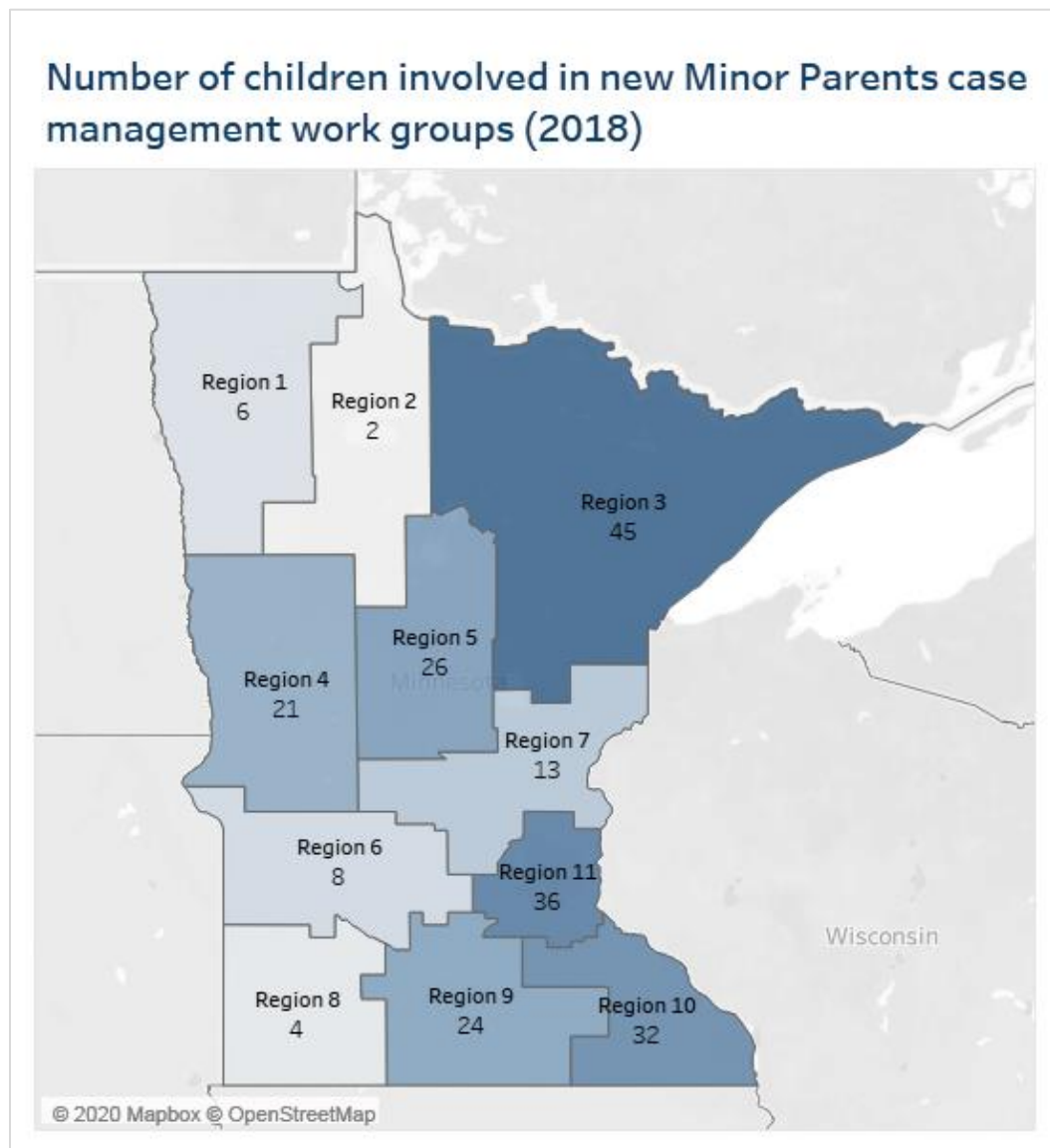
Shown by local agency

<b>Local Agency</b>	<b>Number of children</b>
Aitkin	0
Anoka	2
Becker	8
Beltrami	0
Benton	0
Big Stone	0
Blue Earth	5
Brown	3
Carlton	2
Carver	13
Cass	0
Chippewa	0
Chisago	0
Clay	2
Clearwater	2
Cook	0
Crow Wing	12
Dakota	0
Douglas	0
Fillmore	1
Freeborn	0
Goodhue	6
Grant	0
Hennepin	3
Houston	0
Hubbard	0
Isanti	0
Itasca	5
Kanabec	0
Kandiyohi	6
Kittson	0
Koochiching	1
Lac qui Parle	0
Lake	0
Lake of the Woods	0
Le Sueur	2
McLeod	0
Mahnomen	0

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Marshall	0
Meeker	0
Mille Lacs	0
Morrison	0
Mower	0
Nicollet	0
Nobles	4
Norman	0
Olmsted	21
Otter Tail	7
Pennington	0
Pine	0
Polk	6
Pope	0
Ramsey	0
Red Lake	0
Renville	2
Rice	0
Roseau	0
St. Louis	37
Scott	6
Sherburne	6
Sibley	13
Stearns	0
Stevens	4
Swift	0
Todd	12
Traverse	0
Wabasha	0
Wadena	2
Washington	12
Watonwan	0
Wilkin	0
Winona	4
Wright	7
Yellow Medicine	0
Southwest HHS	0
Des Moines Valley HHS	0
Faribault-Martin	0
MN Prairie	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>217</b>

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### Other data elements

Infants and toddlers referred for early intervention in substantiated cases of maltreatment: 1,828 (86.9%)