



**Child Protection Services
in the
United States of America:**

**Structure
and
Technical Assistance Support**



US Foster Care and Adoption Data

- **443,000 children in foster care**
- **270,000 children enter care annually**
- **248,000 children exit care annually**
- **50% of children reunified with their parent(s)**
- **123,000 children in care have a plan of adoption**
- **70,000 are legally freed (TPR) for adoption**
- **60,000 adopted from foster care annually**



Child Protection Services in the United States

- **Federal programs including child protection and family support services are administered by the US Department of Human Services in the Administration for Children and Families Children's Bureau.**
- **The Children's Bureau is 107 years old and was the first US Federal agency devoted to children's issues.**
- **The Children's Bureau has played a critical role in addressing vital issues affecting families.**



The Children's Bureau (CB) partners with federal, state, tribal and local agencies with a focus on:

- **Strengthening families** and preventing child abuse and neglect.
- **Protecting children** when abuse or neglect has occurred.
- **Ensuring** that every child and youth has a **permanent family** or family connection.



The Children's Bureau seeks to improve outcomes in the following key areas:

- **Safety**
- **Permanency**
- **Well-Being**



Federal Role

Children's Bureau provides national leadership in child welfare by:

- **Providing** guidance on federal law, policy and program regulations.
- **Funding** essential services.
- **Supporting** innovation through research.
- **Providing** training and technical assistance.
- **Monitoring** child welfare services.
- **Sharing** research.



Current Priorities

- **Primary prevention.**
- **Community-based care & services.**
- **Increased parental engagement.**
- **Increased use of relatives as placements.**
- **Minimize trauma of removal & placement.**
- **Promote adoptions for children and youth when reunification fails.**
- **Flexible funding.**



Children's Bureau Funding

- **Annual Federal budget for the Children's Bureau is over \$8 billion.**
- **States and local governments contribute more funds for child welfare services.**
- **Funds child welfare programs, training and research.**
- **The Federal government (Congress and HHS) determines how States and Tribes may spend Federal funds.**



Federal Requirements

- **Preserve families to prevent removal of the child.**
- **Remove child if not safe in their home and place in out-of-home care.**
- **Provide services to assist with reunification.**
- **Conduct court hearings as required.**
- **Provide services to youth for independent living.**
- **Promote adoption or guardianship If reunification efforts fail.**



Role of States and Tribes

- **States operate their own child welfare programs and local agencies provide direct services to children and families.**
- **Native American Tribes may also operate their own child welfare programs for members of their Tribe.**



Role of States and Tribes

Provide direct services to children and families:

- Investigate reports of child abuse and neglect.
- Provide family preservation services to avoid removal.
- Remove children when warranted and place in foster or kinship homes while providing reunification services to families.
- Visit children regularly while in foster care and provide services.
- Courts are involved to protect rights of children and parents.
- Judge has final determination on a return home or Termination of Parental Rights.



Federal Monitoring Role

- **Children's Bureau monitors state child welfare services.**
- **Program Improvement Plans may result from monitoring.**
- **Training and Technical Assistance is available.**



Training and Technical Assistance

- The Capacity Building **Center for States**
- The Capacity Building **Center for Tribes**
- The Capacity Building **Center for Courts**



Capacity Building Services

The Centers provide three general types of services:

- **Universal services**
- **Constituency services**
- **Tailored services**

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Gallery 1:
Assessing Evidence in
Support of Selecting
Interventions



Gallery 2:
Applying Data and
Findings to Improve
Practice



Gallery 3:
Developing and Using
Consumable Data



Virtual Gallery 1 (Example)

Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse

Title IV-E Prevention Services CLEARINGHOUSE

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Welcome

The Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse was established by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to conduct an objective and transparent review of research on programs and services intended to provide enhanced support to children and families and prevent foster care placements.

The Prevention Services Clearinghouse, developed in accordance with the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) as codified in Title IV-E of the Social Security Act, rates programs and services as well-supported, supported, promising, or does not currently meet criteria.

Search programs and services rated well-supported, supported, promising or does not currently meet criteria.

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Gallery 1: Assessing Evidence in Support of Selecting Interventions

Explore how clearinghouses rate programs and services as promising, supported, and well-supported practices, and discover tools and guidance regarding the selection of evidence-based practices.

Resources Chat

URL **ACF - Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse**
The ACF prevention clearing house provides information about their review process, and the role their recommendations will play as states align their services to FFPSA guidelines. Recommended sections...
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URL **Discretionary Grant Outcomes and Lessons Learned**
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- **Adoption**

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