



Developing and Measuring the Success of a Comprehensive Prevention Framework

This session explores strategies for developing a comprehensive community prevention framework across all levels of prevention and examines how the impact of systems in the prevention framework can be analyzed and measured through data analysis and continuous quality improvement.

Developing and understanding the effectiveness of prevention programs requires a sustained collaborative investment in preventing abuse and neglect at the community level. A major factor in the success of prevention programs is the collection and thoughtful use of data to inform what services will best meet the needs of children and families and to measure successes and opportunities for improvement. Session participants will hear from child welfare agency leaders, private providers, courts, and families who have been involved in these efforts, their challenges and successes, and their visions for building a more prevention-focused system in the age of the Family First Prevention Services Act.

Session Resources

1. [ACYF-CB-IM-19-03: Engaging, empowering, and utilizing family and youth voice in all aspects of child welfare to drive case planning and system improvement](#)

This Information Memorandum demonstrates that family and youth voice are critical to a well-functioning child welfare system. It strongly encourages all public child welfare agencies, dependency courts, and Court Improvement Programs to work together to ensure that family and youth voice are central in child welfare program planning and improvement efforts.

2. [Strategies for Authentic Integration of Family and Youth Voice in Child Welfare](#)

This document discusses tips and strategies to effectively engage and sustain the involvement of families and youth at the agency level. It includes key tasks for authentic engagement, examples from the field, and a tool of engagement with four primary ways to authentically engage youth and families.

3. [Alia Resources](#)

These resources and reports on Alia's work include information on the Social Return on Investment Study and the Cohort Year 1 Report on Building an Unsystem.

4. [Ten of Ten for Kids: The Experience](#)

In May 2017, Alia hosted the 10 of 10 for Kids national convening where they brought together 100 innovators and thought leaders from inside and outside the field to reimagine child welfare. This website provides a list of the guiding principles for an "UnSystem," which were born out of this event.

5. [DC's Family First Title IV-E Prevention Program Five-Year Plan: Putting Families First in DC](#)

This is the District of Columbia's Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) Family First Prevention Plan, which took effect in 2019. CFSA's prevention plan builds on the substantial progress made over the past decade to reform DC's child welfare system and bolster prevention efforts to reduce child abuse and neglect. The plan reinforces the

successes garnered through the implementation of CFSA's waiver and capitalizes on the critical lessons learned to refine programs and services to better meet the needs of DC's children, youth, and families.

6. Coordinating Prevention Services in the Community

This podcast from the Capacity Building Center for States explores how a child welfare agency works with partners to ensure services focus on prevention in alignment with the Family First Prevention Services Act. In episode 6 of the podcast series, leaders from the District of Columbia's Child and Family Service Agency and its community partners describe strategies to coordinate service planning and delivery across the prevention continuum, act culturally responsive to the community, and provide seamless services to families.

7. Developing and Sustaining Prevention Programs

This webpage from Child Welfare Information Gateway provides resources on developing a prevention program, conducting a community needs assessment, collaboration and partnerships, funding strategies, and making an economic case for prevention in your community or state.

8. Prevention: Evaluating Prevention Programs

In this podcast episode, Child Welfare Information Gateway discusses Kentucky's Community Collaborations for Children program that supports families and communities.

9. American Bar Association: Standards of Practice for Attorneys Representing Parents in Abuse and Neglect Cases

These standards promote quality representation and uniformity of practice throughout the country for parents' attorneys in child abuse and neglect cases. The standards were written with the help of a committee of practicing parents' attorneys and child welfare professionals from different jurisdictions in the country.

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11. Legal Representation in Child Welfare Proceedings

This infographic provides information on how to promote high-quality legal representation in child welfare proceedings.