

## **Questions and Answers about Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)**

**Q: Any more well-supported or promising practices that will be added soon?**

**A:** Please visit the Title IV-E Prevention Clearinghouse website:

<https://preventionservices.abtsites.com/>

The website maintains a mailing list for individuals to be notified of new content. Also, the Frequently Asked Questions section of the website may be helpful.

**Q: Are there any updates on the Family First Transition and Support Act - the gap legislation?**

**A:** Please visit [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov) page for updates on legislation.

**Q: One challenge for researchers is that we will only be reimbursed for evidence-based practices; are you aware of or can you advocate for research to be funded by CB through grants, etc.?**

**A:** Section 104(a) (4) of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), as amended by the CAPTA Reauthorization Act of 2010, Public Law (Pub. L.) 111–320, requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish proposed priorities for research activities, provide an opportunity for public comment on those proposed activities, and maintain an official record of received public comment concerning the priorities.

CB publishes proposed CAPTA research priorities for public comment every two years. CB last published proposed CAPTA research priorities through a Federal Register Notice (FRN) in June 2018 which can be accessed at:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/06/25/2018-13526/notice-childrens-bureau-proposed-research-priorities-for-fiscal-years-2018-2020>. We would encourage you to provide comments regarding the prioritization of the Proposed Research Priorities for FY 2021-2022 to be released at the end of FY2020 (September 30, 2020).

When Funding Opportunity Announcements are available, it will be announced at this site: <http://www.grants.gov/>. You can sign up there now, under “For Applicants”, for grant e-mail alerts of new announcements in specific categories, so that you will be notified when this or other announcements are published online. Please be advised that FOAs are revised annually, and instructions and requirements listed within published FOAs should be reviewed carefully.

Solicitations for contracts will be announced at later dates, online at FedBizOps.

Information regarding existing discretionary grants can be found on our website:

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/grants>

**Q: If evaluation can now be covered as Administrative costs; it would be helpful to know what the review of that will look like. May a title IV-E agency claim title IV-**

**E administration for the costs of conducting a well-designed and rigorous evaluation of title IV-E prevention service under section 471(e)(5)(C)(i) of the Act?**

**A:** Please visit the Child Welfare Policy manual available at:

[https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cwpm/public\\_html/programs/cb/laws\\_policies/laws/cwpm/policy.jsp?idFlag=8](https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cwpm/public_html/programs/cb/laws_policies/laws/cwpm/policy.jsp?idFlag=8)

Frequently asked questions and answers regarding the tile IV-E prevention services program are available there. Please see section 8.6C.1 *Allowable administrative and training costs*.

**Q: Are the state Title IV-E Prevention plans that have been submitted public yet? Can we know who has submitted a plan?**

**A:** See charts showing the decisions of IV-E agencies with respect to taking the delay of up to 2 years for IV-E provisions that place limitations on claiming for certain types of foster care placements. Title IV-E agencies choosing to delay implementation of these provisions must also delay participation in the IV-E Prevention Services Program.