



This law “will usher in the most significant improvements to the child welfare system in decades and provide real help to families to fight the opioid epidemic... We owe our most vulnerable children the best chance to stay with their families when it’s safe to keep them at home and the highest standards of care to protect children who are already in foster care.”

— Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden

INTRODUCTION

Basis for and goals of FFPSA

Preserving families

States have repeatedly made the case they can reduce costs and keeps families together if they can use IV-E for prevention services.

Systemically addressing substance use/opioid issues

A major reason children come into foster care is parental substance abuse.

Paying for what works/evaluate programs to make sure they're effective

Moving forward, a goal of Congress is to focus on what works and to evaluate the effectiveness of federally-funded programs.

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Title I: Prevention Services

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Title IV-E \$ available for up to 12 months for services for families of children who, without these services, would likely enter foster care.	Services would include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health • Substance abuse; and • In-home parent "skill-based" programs 	Evidence Standards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promising • Supported • Well-Supported 	50% Match for Prevention Services	New federal funds for prevention services are intended to augment, not supplant, state funding for prevention services.

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Title II: Ensuring Appropriate Placements

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<p>Title IV-E \$ limited to certain placements</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Family foster homes 2. Placements for pregnant / parenting youth 3. Supervised independent living for youth 18+ 4. QRTP 5. Placements for sex trafficking victims 6. Family-based res. substance abuse treatment facility 	<p>QRTP Qualified Residential Treatment Programs</p>	<p>QRTP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • trauma-informed • licensed nursing staff onsite • family members participate in child's treatment program 	<p>QRTP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • six months of family-based aftercare • Meets state standards for child-care institutions

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Title III: Other Provisions

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Regional Partnership Grants to address parental substance abuse	Interstate Placement: Using electronic system when placing children across state lines	Licensing standards: Ensuring states make it easier for relatives to take in children	Extended expiring provisions: Promoting Safe and Stable Families, Adoption and Legal Guardian Incentives, Court Improvement Program	Addresses problematic payment restrictions

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