

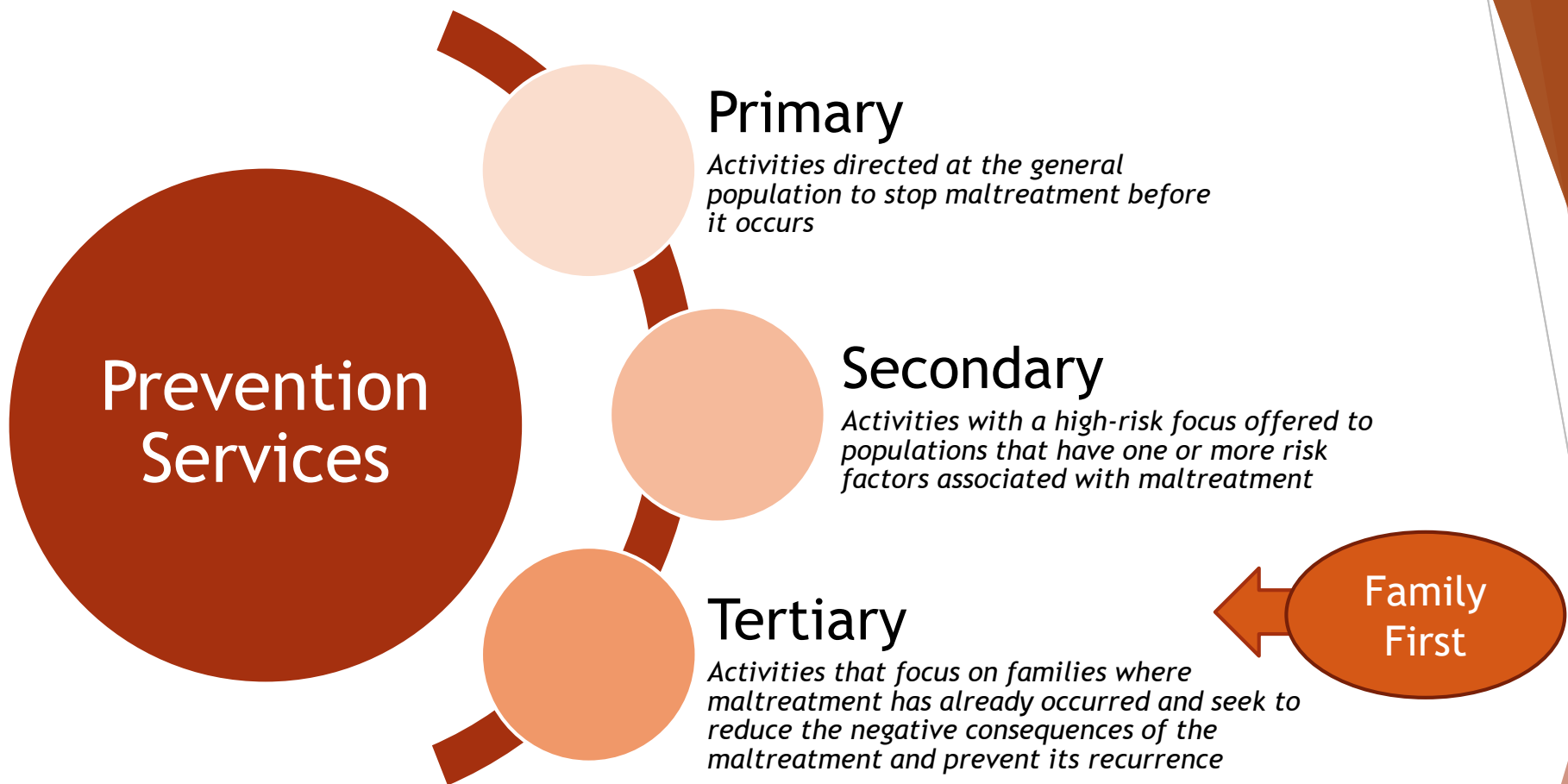


Human Services

Family First Prevention Services Act

Stakeholder Information Meeting

September 18, 2019



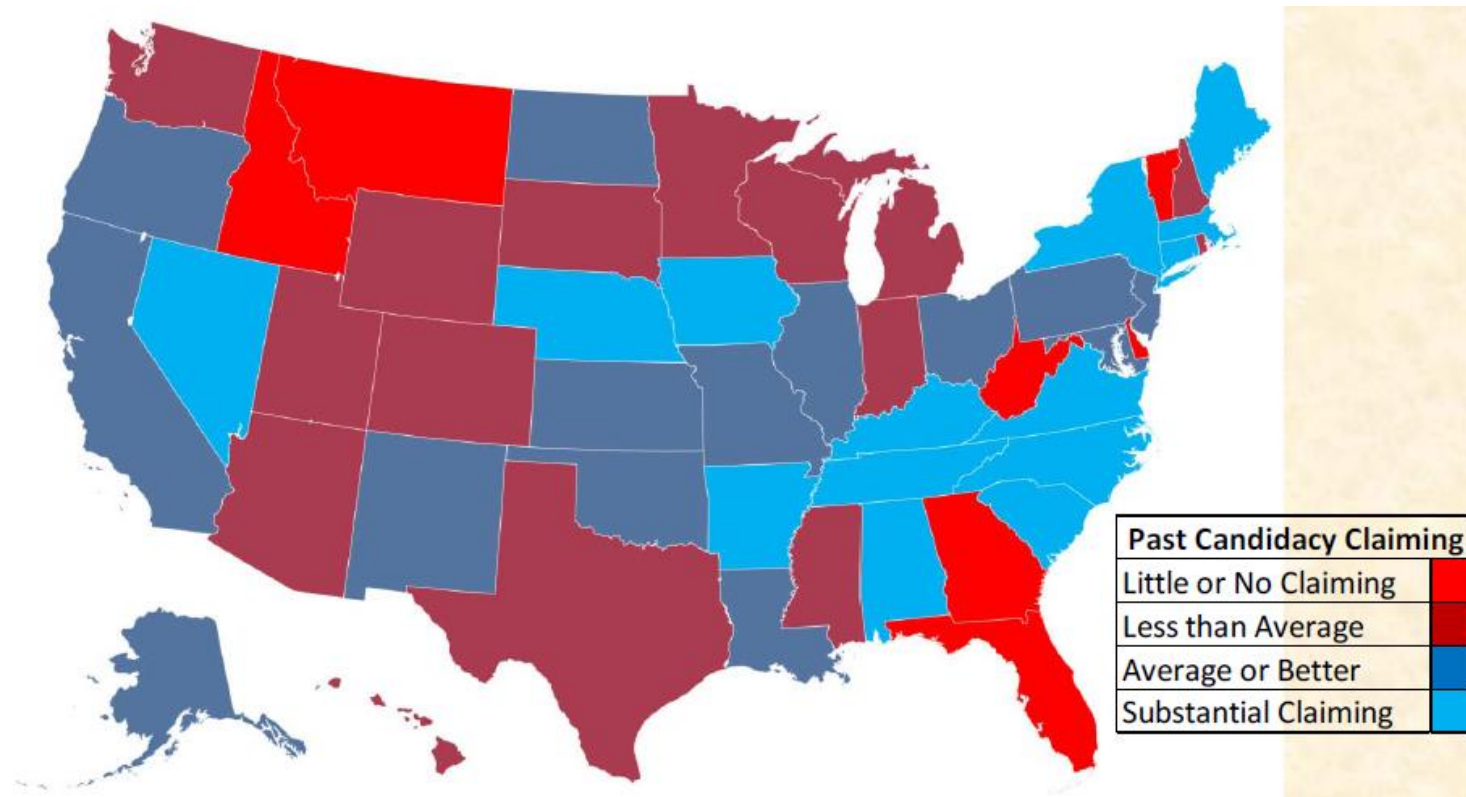
Prevention Services Continuum

Placement Prevention Services

- ▶ **Opens Federal Title IV-E dollars for specified services to be provided:**
 - ▶ Mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment services provided by a qualified clinician
 - ▶ In-home parent skill-based programs that include parenting skills training, parent education and individual and family counseling
 - ▶ Evidence-based: Promising, supported, or well-supported practices
 - ▶ Listed in the Prevention Services Clearinghouse
- ▶ **Services:**
 - ▶ Can be given for up to 12 months (more than one 12-month occurrence)
 - ▶ 50% reimbursement
 - ▶ 50% of the services must be in the well-supported category

Candidate for Foster Care

Today in North Dakota: A child or youth who is a “candidate” foster care is one who is at serious risk of removal from the home as evidenced by the agency either pursuing his/her removal or making reasonable efforts to prevent such removal.



Placement Prevention Services

▶ Service Recipients

- ▶ Agencies who determine candidacy are: ND DHS, County Social Services, DJS, and Tribal Social Services
- ▶ Candidacy is eligibility criteria, not a service.
- ▶ States claim IV-E reimbursement for activities provided to children who are not in foster care.
- ▶ Candidacy is NOT a service or a specific activity, nor is candidacy maintenance reimbursement.
- ▶ A child may not be considered a candidate for foster care solely because the ND Department of Human Services or its authorized agents are minimally involved with the child and his/her family.

Placement Prevention Services

- ▶ **WHEN:** Title IV-E reimbursement for eligible prevention services begins October 1, 2019, but cannot start until implementation of QRTP provisions
- ▶ **NON-SUPPLANTATION:** New federal funds for prevention services are intended to supplement, not supplant, state funding for prevention services
- ▶ **MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT:** MOE will be set at FFY 2014 spending for these same prevention services for candidates for foster care

State Title IV-E Prevention Plan

- ▶ **North Dakota Prevention Plan will need to address:**
 - ▶ Determine eligibility (definition of candidacy)
 - ▶ What EBPs North Dakota will use
 - ▶ Description of how the state will administer the program
 - ▶ Monitoring for safety
 - ▶ Training of caseworkers
 - ▶ Tracking of fidelity and outcomes

Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse

- ▶ Link: <https://preventionservices.abtsites.com/>
- ▶ Requires prevention services and programs be trauma-informed and promising, supported, or well-supported
- ▶ Handbook of Standards and Procedures and webinar are available
- ▶ Identified first set of programs/services listed and next set for review

Initial Services Approved by Prevention Services Clearinghouse

Mental Health

- Parent-Child Interaction Therapy*
- Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Multisystemic Therapy*
- Functional Family Therapy*

Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment

- Multisystemic Therapy*
- Families Facing the Future
- Methadone Maintenance Therapy

In-Home Parent Skill-Based

- Nurse-Family Partnership*
- Parents as Teachers*
- Healthy Families America*

* Well-supported EBPs

Recent Administration of Children & Families (ACF) Updates...

- ▶ Child Welfare Policy Manual clarification: States CANNOT use Medicaid expenditures to meet the requirement of 50% well-supported EBPs as part of Title IV-E Placement Prevention Services reimbursement plan
- ▶ If public or private program providers (such as private health insurance or Medicaid) would pay for a service allowable under the Title IV-E Prevention Plan, those providers have the responsibility to pay for these services before the Title IV-E agency would be required to pay.

