

Family First Prevention Act

The Family First Prevention Act was signed in February 2018 and could change the face of child welfare systems across the country. The act allows more flexibility with the way state funds can be spent. Funds could previously only be spent to assist with foster care maintenance (for those eligible), adoption assistance, kinship guardianship assistance, and administrative expenses. Funds can now be used for prevention services. These services would allow children who would otherwise be moved into foster care to stay with their own families. Keeping children with their families has proved to be less traumatic and an easier transition to/from foster care. For more information, please visit the link below.

<http://www.ncsl.org/research/human-services/familyfirst-prevention-services-act-ffpsa.aspx>