



FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT

What is the Family First Prevention Services Act:

The purpose of the **Family First Prevention Services Act** is to enable states to use Federal Funds to provide enhanced support to children and families and prevent foster care placements through the provision of mental health and substance abuse prevention services, in-home parent skill-based programs, and kinship navigator services.

State Compliance:

For states to be in compliance with the Families First Prevention Services Act, states must maintain a written **Prevention Plan** for children that meet the following requirements:

Candidates- In the case of a child who is a candidate for foster care .

- a) Identify the foster care prevention strategy for the child so that the child may remain safely at home, live temporarily with a kin caregiver until reunification can be safely achieved, or live permanently with a kin caregiver.
- b) List the services or programs to be provided to or on behalf of the child to ensure the success of that prevention strategy.
- c) Placement with extended family.

International Social Service can provide the following services to assist in the maintaining of State compliance:

- Home Studies: Parental Custody or Reunification/Visitation/Kinship Placement
- Post Placement Follow-up
- Tracings
- Community Resource Assessment
- Child Specific Permanency Planning
- Background Checks