



# FAMILY FIRST ACT IMPLEMENTATION

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# **PERFORMANCE MOMENT**

**A snapshot in time that indicates that much has effectively been at work to achieve the intended result.**



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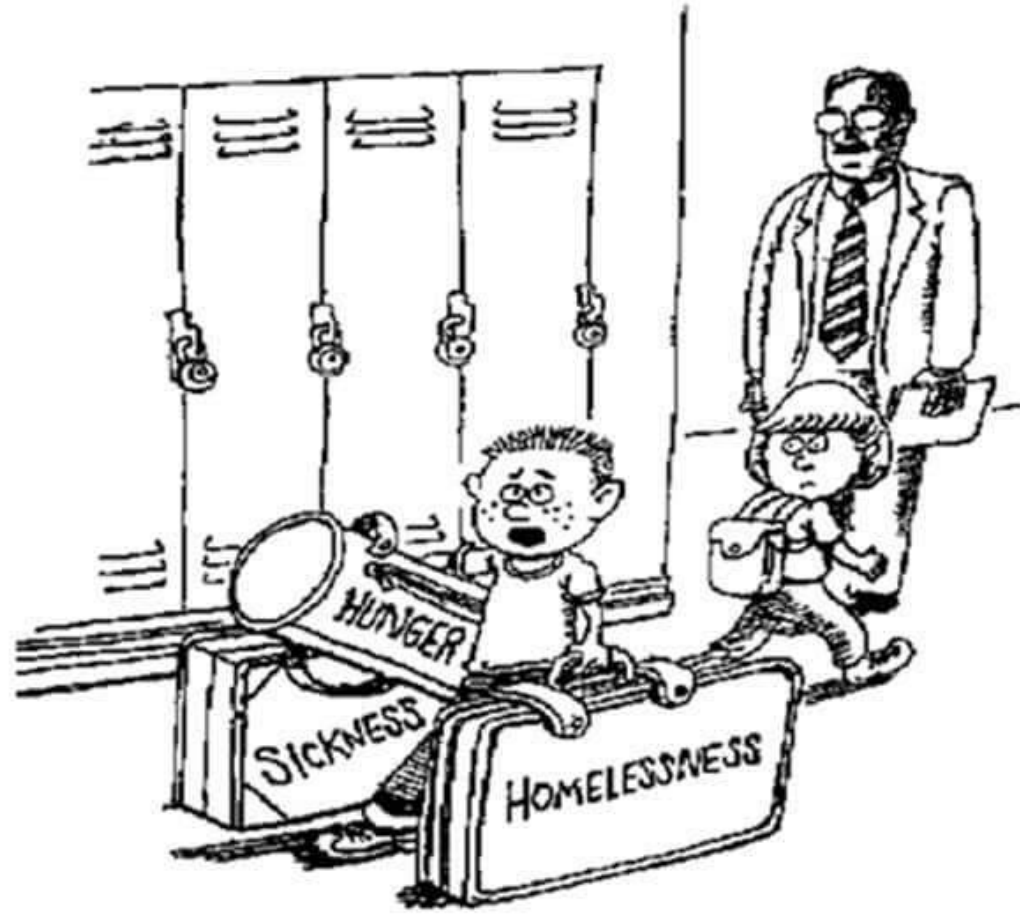
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# BEFOREWANCE WOWERL

A snapshot in time that indicates that there was a breakdown or gap.

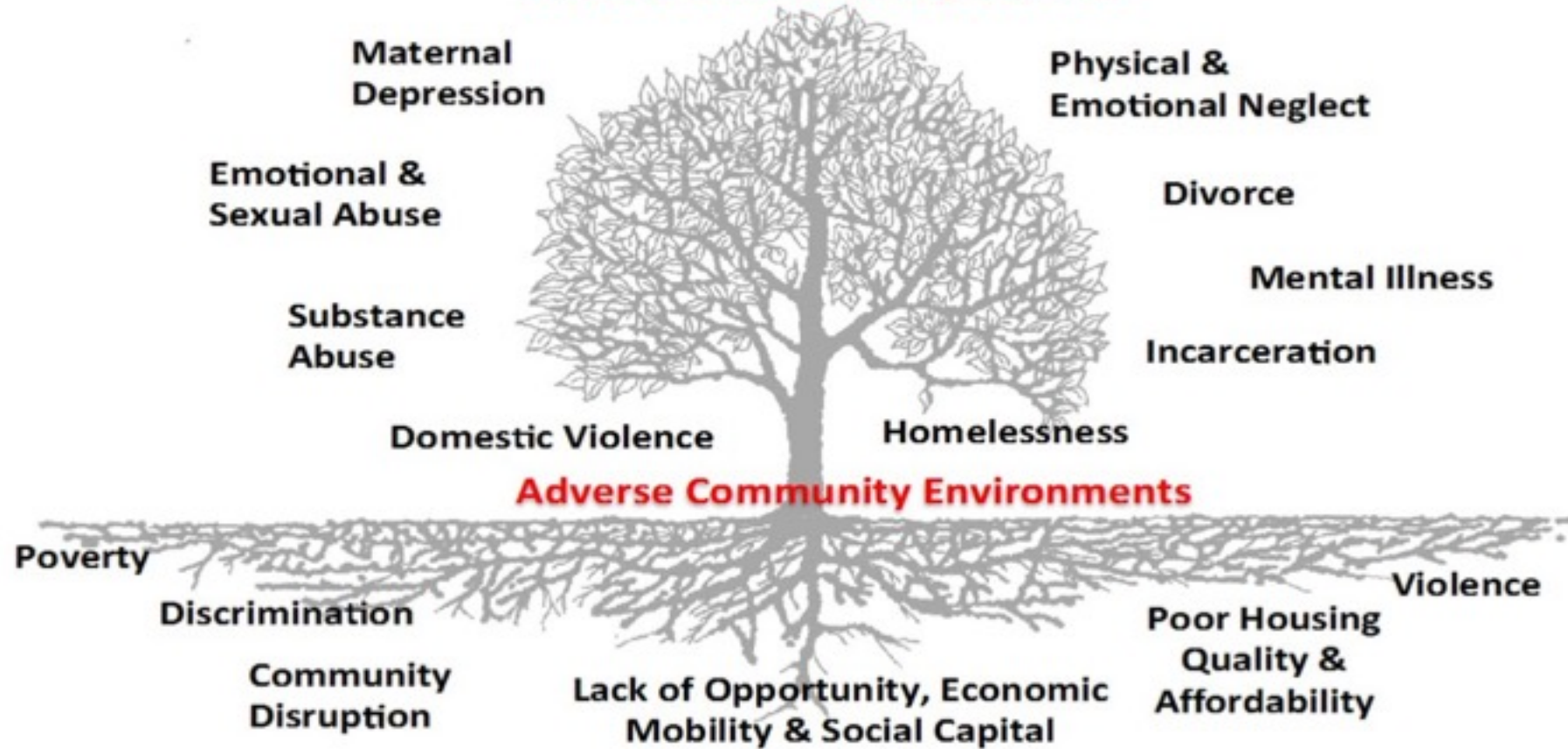


**Can Someone help me with these?  
I'm late for math class.**



## The Pair of ACEs

### Adverse Childhood Experiences



Ellis, W., Dietz, W. (2017) A New Framework for Addressing Adverse Childhood and Community Experiences: The Building Community Resilience (BCR) Model. *Academic Pediatrics*. 17 (2017) pp. S86-S93. DOI information: 10.1016/j.acap.2016.12.011

# U.S. Snapshot

Most children come into foster care **due to neglect**, not abuse.



Most child maltreatment is due to neglect **75%**



Many children entering foster care come from families impacted by substance use disorders **43%**

## National Stats

**674,000**  
MALTREATMENT

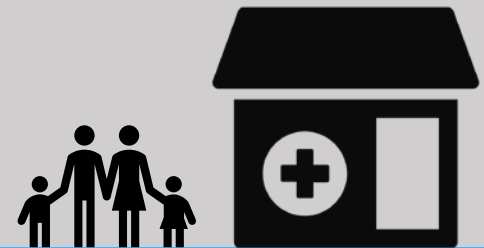
**505,000**  
NEGLECT

## FFPSAPREVENTIONSERVICES

Address behaviors that lead to neglect

Keep children **safely at home** while issues addressed

Provide services for **entire family**



# Overview

## Highlight the need for an integrated systems approach

The conditions to address to improve outcomes for children and families

## What Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) is and isn't

Considerations to keep in mind from the federal law passed

## Family First as an "Energy Center"

Possibilities for implementation and inspired by implementation

## Landscape Overview

The needs and opportunities that are at hand and what's needed from the provider community

Family First is not...

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Primary or  
secondary  
prevention



Evaluated on  
achieving  
meaningful  
life outcomes



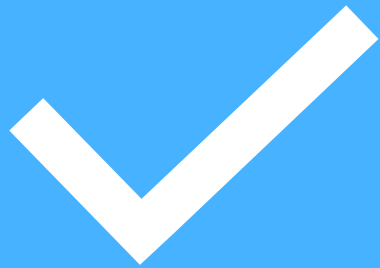
A public  
health  
approach



Perfect

Family First is...

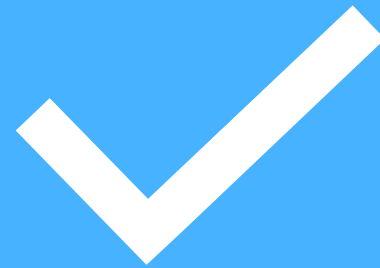
# Family First is...



A federal  
financing  
reform law



Family-  
centered &  
trauma-  
informed



Intended to  
“prevent”  
foster care  
entries



Universally  
available to  
the eligible  
population

# Considering the Continuum | A Discussion Tool

A **"System of Child and Family Well-Being"** builds, preserves, restores, and rebuilds the foundational building blocks that all families need and want, no matter their socioeconomic status or geography. Intervention may be required to ensure a child's safety, but should not be the only tool used.

**Primary Prevention**  
**"Building & Preserving Well-being"**

Foundational building blocks are in place or partially in place

**Secondary Prevention**  
**"Restoring Safety & Well-being"**  
(pre-child welfare involved)

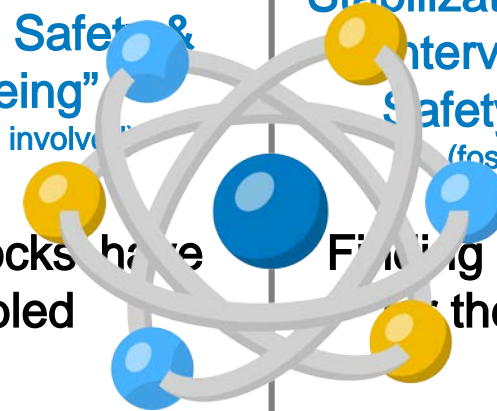
Building blocks beginning to crumble

**Tertiary Prevention**  
**"Rebuilding Safety & Well-being"**  
(child welfare involvement)

Building blocks have crumbled

**Stabilization & Permanency**  
**"Intervening to Ensure Safety & Well-being"**  
(foster care and after)

Fixing building blocks in the foundation





## Landscape Overview

Family First Act Implementation



**STATE  
IMPLEMENTATION**



**FEDERAL  
ENGAGEMENT**



**OPPORTUNITIES  
TO EXPLORE**



# Five Key Actions You Can Take

Keep **meaningful results** at the center



Work to **integrate systems**



Share information and **use framing science**



Be a **partner** in leading change



Align your organization with the **future state**



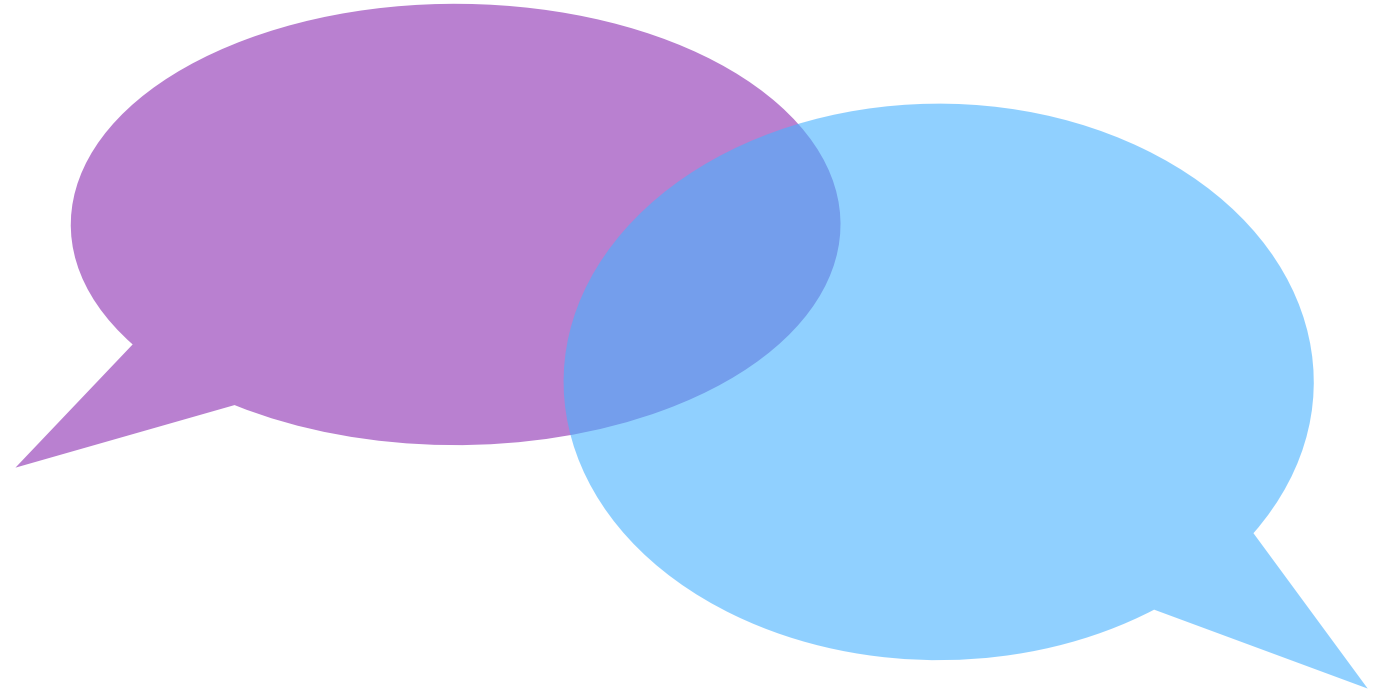
# TABLE TOP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1 AHA MOMENTS?

2 OBSERVATIONS

3 TAKEAWAYS?

4 QUESTIONS





# Approach to Successful Family First Implementation

## INFORM & ASSESS

Work with you and your team to provide information on Family First and assess where your organization stands.

1

## POLICY

We will help you to get a seat at the table with the public child welfare agency, state legislature and lead judges.

2

## STRATEGY

Our Team will take you through a strategic planning process to set a vision for accomplishing the results of the assessment and policy needs.

3

## IMPLEMENTATION

Receive support engaging the community and working towards the results of your organizational change plan and your state's implementation plan.

4

# | RESOURCES

# Family First Implementation Resources

Family First (FFPSA) National Implementation Collaborative

(<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12131269/> )

FamilyFirstAct.org ( <https://www.familyfirstact.org/> )

FFPSA Resource Center (<https://coafamilyfirst.org/> )

NOSAC.org(<http://www.nosac.org/> , then scroll down on the home page to find the link: IMD Advocacy Toolkit)

Family First Act **Tool Kit**

[saintfrancisministries.org/ffpsa-toolkit](http://saintfrancisministries.org/ffpsa-toolkit)

You may also want to:

- Set up a Google Alert to receive news on Family First to your email
- Connect with Marlo Nash and Jody Grutza on LinkedIn and/or follow us on Twitter @SaintFrancisMin and @GrutzaL where we are posting updates and insights.

# THANK YOU

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