



## Family First Prevention Services Act

FFPSA will provide federal funding for prevention services to families of children who are at imminent risk of entering foster care. It underscores the importance of children growing up in families and seeks to avoid the traumatic experience of children being separated from their families when entering foster care.

Specifically, federal reimbursement will be available for trauma-informed and evidence based mental health services, substance use disorder treatment and in-home parenting skill-based training to safely maintain children in their homes.

Eligible services must be included in South Carolina's approved Title IV-E Prevention Plan and be rendered by a qualified provider who is participating in the Department's qualified provider listing and provided to eligible populations (i.e. defined candidates for care).

The Department plans to implement its prevention program in October of 2021 and will begin partnering with our provider partners early in 2021 to assist in capacity building for select interventions and network development.

For updates on FFPSA implementation please visit: <https://dss.sc.gov/family-first-prevention-services-act/>

### Title IV-E Clearinghouse

#### Program Type :

Parenting Programs

#### Rating:

Well-Supported

For additional information related to the Title IV-E Clearinghouse please visit:

<https://prevention-services.abtsites.com/>

#### Outcomes

- Teach families skills needed to prevent placement or successfully reunify with children
- Reduce child abuse and neglect
- Reduce family conflict
- Reduce child behavior problems

### Service Description

Homebuilders provides intensive, in-home counseling, skill building and support services. Homebuilders practitioners conduct behaviorally specific, ongoing, and holistic assessments that include information about family strengths, values, and barriers to goal attainment. Homebuilders practitioners collaborate with family members and referents in developing intervention goals and corresponding service plans.

Intervention goals and service plans focus on factors directly related to the risk of out-of-home placement or reunification. Throughout the intervention the practitioner develops safety plans and uses clinical strategies designed to promote safety. Homebuilders utilizes research-based intervention strategies including Motivational Interviewing, a variety of cognitive and behavioral strategies, and teaching methods intended to teach new skills and facilitate behavior change.

Practitioners support families by providing concrete goods and services related to the intervention goals, collaborating with formal and informal community supports and systems, and teaching family members to advocate for themselves. Homebuilders services are concentrated during a period of 4 to 6 weeks with the goal of preventing out-of-

and achieving reunifications. Homebuilders therapists typically have small caseloads of two families at a time and receive 40 or more hours of direct face-to-face services. The family's therapist is available to family members 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Treatment services primarily take place in the client's home.

### Targeted Populations

**Families who have children and youth 0-18 at imminent risk of out-of-home placement or who are in placement and cannot be reunified without intensive in-home services.**



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