



**Department of  
Children & Family Services**  
*Building a Stronger Louisiana*

Family First Prevention Services Act  
Steering Committee Meeting  
3/19/2021

Attendees	Rhenda Hodnett, Paul DiLorenzo, Michelle Gros, Jilly Dyson, Mona Michelli, Kristin Savicki, Adell Tiemey, Geary Williams, Amanda Brunson, Eric Horent, Candice LeBlanc, Christy Tate, Karla Venkataraman, Melissa Maiello Kenyon, Dr. Rebecca Chaisson, Antonia Frazier, Curtis Nelson, Dr. Jacqueline Mims, Kelly Lowery, Raven Sigure-Collette, Stephen Phillippi, Jody Grutza, Leslie Vidrine. Absent: Judge Thomas Duplantier.
Presentations	<p>Accomplishments since the last meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Family First</b> One pager, new “<b>Family First Louisiana</b>” logo displayed</li> <li>• Candidacy definition finalized</li> </ul>
Workgroup Updates	<p><b>Prevention Workgroup</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Intercept</b> model implementation in progress, possibly by summer, in three areas in the state</li> <li>• Upcoming survey to select in-home model (<b>Healthy Families America</b> or <b>Child First</b>)</li> <li>• Will host model webinar once decision received</li> </ul> <p><b>Residential Workgroup</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defining QRTP level of care</li> <li>• CANS assessment tool to determine placement qualification</li> <li>• Subgroups focus: model requirements, structural components and service array</li> <li>• Six Non-medical group home providers moving to QRTP accreditation</li> <li>• Explore increasing relative placements for older youth</li> </ul> <p><b>Administrative/Data Workgroup</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drafting Louisiana’s Title IV-E plan</li> <li>• Using Arkansas’s plan as a model</li> <li>• Capturing data in the new data system (CCWIS)</li> </ul>
Follow Up Needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Survey to select preferred in-home model in April 2021</li> <li>• Locate CANS assessor</li> <li>• Survey regarding frequency of Steering Committee meetings in April 2021</li> </ul>

