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To: CPMT Chairs
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From: Scott Reiner, Executive Director 

CC: Elizabeth Lee, Assistant Director, Division of Family Services, VDSS

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Subject: CSA Guidance Re: Implementation of Title IV-E Funded Foster Care Prevention Services through the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) – Effective July 1, 2021

After several years of work and unexpected delays, implementation of the Title IV-E funded foster care prevention services (evidence-based services) is finally upon us. Effective July 1, 2021, localities will be able to access three services designed to prevent a youth's entry into foster care – Multisystemic Therapy (MST), Functional Family Therapy (FFT), and Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT). Much work has gone into planning this implementation, including the recently distributed standard model service contract template and information about the new DSS In-Home (foster care prevention) model.

The guidance document attached to this Administrative Memorandum describes the interactions between the LDSS and the local CSA program in implementing these new services. Many partners, at both the state and local levels, have contributed to this guidance. I hope you find that it supports the system of care approach at the core of the CSA. The primary author at OCS is Carol Wilson.

Local discussions about how to best implement this guidance are necessary and many of you have already begun this process. OCS has scheduled a webinar on June 16 at 2:00 P.M. to provide any needed clarification and to answer questions you may have.

We hope you share our excitement as Virginia moves closer to our vision of effective prevention services to serve children and families before the need for them to enter DSS custody emerges. The new federal funds under FFPSA provide eligible families with access to these high-quality services at no cost to your locality.

Please review the attached document carefully and let us know if you have any specific questions.