SELECTING EVIDENCE-BASED PROGRAMS & SERVICES FOR FAMILIES FIRST

Implementation Science & Parameters Under FFPSA

02-20-2020

Our current matching focus

Typical standards for “Evidence-Based” status:

- INTERVENTION IS “MANUALIZED”
  - *CLEARLY **DEFINED AND REPLICABLE** PARAMETERS FOR PRACTICE (TOOLS, SEQUENCES, EXPECTATIONS FOR THE PROVIDER OF THE SERVICE)*
  - *BEST PRACTICE INCLUDES MECHANISMS/RESOURCCES FOR TRAINING, ONGOING COACHING AND FIDELITY MONITORING*

- TARGET POPULATION IS WELL DEFINED
  - *INCLUSIONARY AND EXCLUSIONARY CRITERIA*

- INTERVENTION HAS MET RIGOROUS RESEARCH STANDARDS DEMONSTRATING EFFECTIVENESS
  - *GOLD STANDARD FOR EVIDENCE: TWO RANDOM ASSIGNMENT CONTROL STUDIES*

PARTICULAR STANDARDS OF THE FFPSA CLEARINGHOUSE

- Requirement of an independent, systematic evidence review
- Allows for review of publicly available research studies, not just those from peer reviewed journals
- Allows for randomized or rigorous quasi experimental group design
  - *At least one intervention condition and at least one comparison condition*
  - *Intervention and comparison condition can be forme through either randomized or non-randomized procedures, but not a pre and post test of same individuals*
  - *Comparison can be of individuals or groups of individuals (e.g. families, providers, centers)*

FOCUS OF PROGRAM AND SERVICE REVIEW OF THE FFPSA CLEARINGHOUSE

AREAS OF FOCUS:

- MENTAL HEALTH PREVENTION AND TREATMENT
- SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT
- IN-HOME PARENT SKILL-BASED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
- KINSHIP NAVIGATOR PROGRAMS

REQUIRED OUTCOME DOMAINS:

- CHILD SAFETY
- CHILD PERMANENCY
- CHILD WELL-BEING
- ADULT WELL-BEING

ABOVE DOMAINS AND:

- ACCESS TO SERVICES
- REFERRAL TO SERVICES
- SATISFACTION WITH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

FUTURE FFPSA CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW

- Continued review of programs and services submitted for review in 2018 that met established eligibility standards for review
- Call for program and service recommendations at least annually
- Particular consideration will be given to programs and services
  - *Recommended by State or local government administrators and tribes*
  - *Rated by other clearinghouses (e.g. CEBC or HomVEE)*
  - *Recommended by federal partners*
  - *Evaluated as part of any grants supported by the Children's Bureau*

MATCHING CONSIDERATIONS INFORMED BY IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE:

- DEFINE YOUR CANDIDACY GROUP CLEARLY
  - *What are key **characteristics** of the families you want to serve? (e.g, primary risk factors and/or behaviors of concern, age of children, etc.)*
  - *What are the desired **outcomes** for families, their communities and other stakeholders?*
  - *What **risk and protective factors** may affect achieving desired outcomes?*
  - *What current programs or services in your state or system address the needs of these families?*
  - *What gaps are there in our current service system?*
    - Are there evidence-based programs that address those unmet needs?

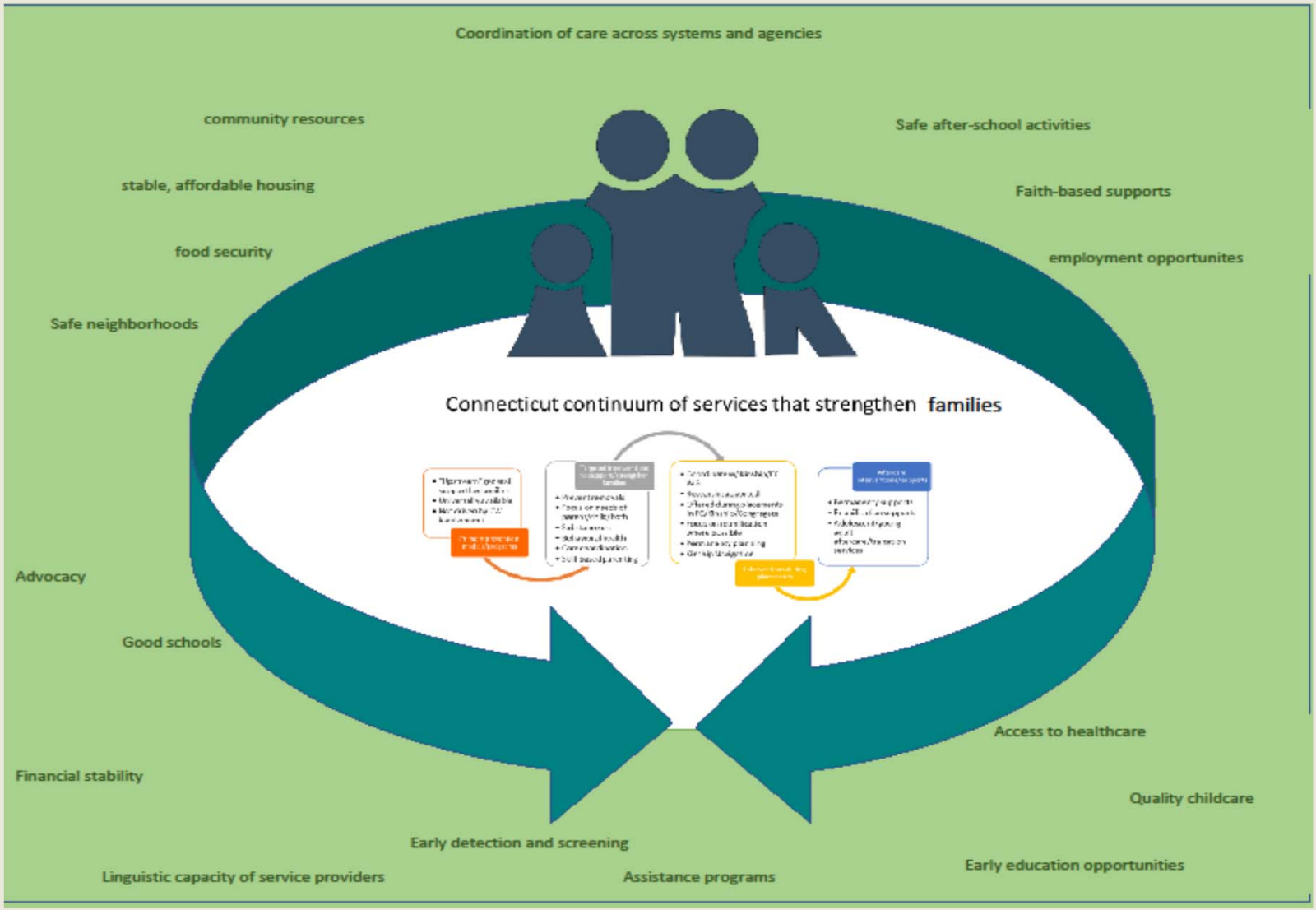
Adapted from the Child and Family Evidence-Based Practice Consortium

NEXT STEPS FOR OUR CANDIDACY – SERVICE ARRAY MATCHING:

Review summary grids:

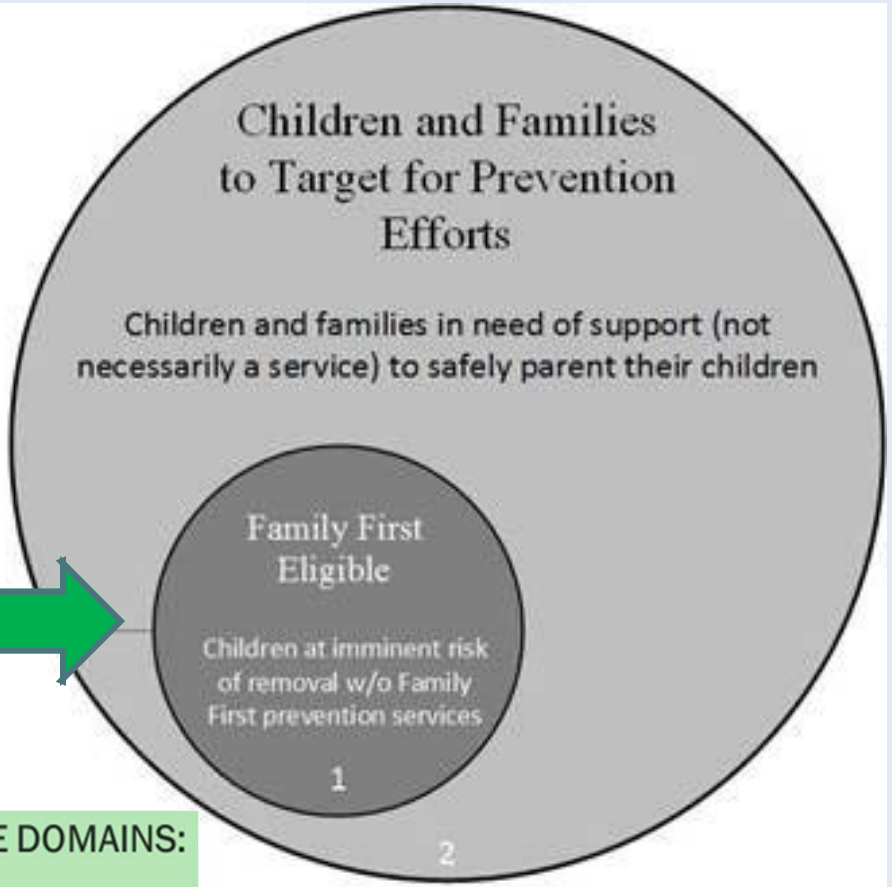
- *Are the needs for intervention and desired outcomes for our group*
  - Well defined?
  - Aligned with FFPSA requirements for
    - *intervention focus (mental health, substance use, in-home parenting or kinship navigation)*
    - *Necessary outcomes (child safety, permanency and/or wellbeing, parent wellbeing)*
- *Are there programs or services that can be matched to those needs and yield those outcomes? (in current CT service array or that could be added)*
    - *With sufficient current or anticipated research support for FFPSA Clearinghouse designation and potentially title IV-E funding?*
- *Are there gaps in our desired service array that we would want to try to find an EBP or promising practice for potential inclusion in our Title – IV-E funding request*

Review of the emerging plans developed from last meeting’s breakout workgroups


Coordination of care across systems and agencies
community resources
stable, affordable housing
food security
Safe neighborhoods
Safe after-school activities
Faith-based supports
employment opportunites
Connecticut continuum of services that strengthen families
Advocacy
Good schools
Financial stability
Access to healthcare
Quality childcare
Early education opportunities
Early detection and screening
Linguistic capacity of service providers
Assistance programs

Our current matching focus:

What programs or services do we have or need to reduce risk of child removal from families in our candidacy groups that have a level of research support that could potentially qualify for consideration for Title IV-E reimbursement?



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