

UNITED STATES SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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Family First Prevention Services Act of 2016

Bipartisan, Bicameral Solution for Evidence-Based Foster Care Prevention Services

Organizations from across the United States have come out in support of the Family First Prevention Act. A full list of supporters is below.

Support for the Family First Prevention Services Act (National)

- Alliance for Strong Families and Communities
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
- American Psychological Association
- American Public Human Services Association (APHSA)
- Brazelton Touchpoints Project, Inc.
- Center for the Study of Social Policy (CSSP)
- Child First, Inc.
- Child Welfare League of America
- Children and Family Futures
- Children's Advocacy Institute
- Children's Defense Fund (CDF)
- Children's Home Society of America
- Conference of Chief Justices
- Conference of State Court Administrators
- First Focus Campaign for Children (FFCC)
- Foster Adopt Connect
- Foster Family-based Treatment Association (FFTA)
- Generations United
- Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY)
- Juvenile Law Center (JLC)
- National African American Drug Policy Coalition, Inc.
- National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds
- National Association of Black Social Workers
- National Association of Counsel for Children
- National Association of Public Child Welfare Administrators (NAPCWA)
- National Foster Parent Association
- North American Council on Adoptable Children (NACAC)
- Parents as Teachers
- Prevent Child Abuse America/Healthy Families America

- Ray E. Helfer Society
- The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption
- The National Crittenton Foundation (TNCF)
- Voice for Adoption
- Zero to Three

Support for the Family First Prevention Services Act (State and Local)

- Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families
- Child and Family Policy Center (Iowa)
- Children First for Oregon
- Children’s Action Alliance (Arizona)
- Children’s Advocacy Alliance (Nevada)
- Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin
- Citizens’ Committee for Children (New York)
- Connecticut Voices for Children
- Florida’s Children First, Inc.
- Foster Adopt Connect (Missouri and Kansas)
- Governor Gary R. Herbert – State of Utah
- Juvenile Law Center (Pennsylvania)
- Kentucky Youth Advocates
- Massachusetts Law Reform Institute
- Nebraska Appleseed
- New Mexico Voices for Children
- Partners for Our Children (Washington)
- Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children
- The Ounce of Prevention Fund (Illinois)
- VOICES (California)
- Voices for Alabama’s Children
- Voices for Children in Nebraska
- Voices for Ohio’s Children
- Voices for Vermont’s Children

Notable Remarks:

“[The Families First Prevention Services Act] not only recognizes the unique needs of children and families in adversity, but also makes great strides to meet them in a way that pediatricians can stand behind: through evidence-based, prevention-focused approaches. The bill offers states much-needed federal funding to support mental health, substance abuse and in-home parenting skills programs for families of children at-risk of entering foster care.” – **American Academy of Pediatrics**

“[The Family First Prevention Services Act] takes historic and long overdue steps to direct federal child welfare dollars to improve outcomes for vulnerable children and families . . . [It] takes important steps to ensure children who need foster care will be placed in the least-restrictive most family-like setting appropriate to their needs, and gives special attention to children whose emotional or other special needs require residential treatment.” – **Children’s Defense Fund**

“We greatly appreciate the flexibility in federal funding for evidence-based prevention services and the strong focus in the [Families First Prevention Services Act] on child well-being” – **Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin**

“We strongly support the Family First [Prevention Services] Act and believe it would greatly improve the ability of child welfare agencies to keep children in their own homes and shorten their time in the system if they do enter.” – **Juvenile Law Center**

The [Family First Prevention Services Act] aligns very closely with what we consider an essential focus on preventing the occurrence and recurrence of child abuse and neglect whenever possible. It also supports the practice of keeping or returning kids safely home, rather than in foster care, whenever possible.” – **Massachusetts Law Reform Institute**

“Federal support for prevention services will be a win-win for children and families throughout the country” – **Citizens’ Committee for Children**

“The Act will expand the availability of such services and reflects the reality that many families, including adoptive families, need targeted, effective services to meet their children’s needs and prevent foster care entry.” – **North American Council on Adoptable Children**

“We firmly believe that far too many children are placed in group care for no therapeutic reason, which research suggests can harm children.” – **North American Council on Adoptable Children**

“We feel that the [Family First Prevention Services Act] offers the important possibility of allowing funds to provide vital mental health, substance use and in-home services that could help children stay with their own families.” – **Child Welfare League of America**

“[The Family First Prevention Services Act] takes historic and long overdue steps to direct federal child welfare dollars to improve outcomes for vulnerable children and families.” – **Voice for Adoption**

“Supports offered through the Family First Prevention Services Act such as individual and family therapy, home visiting and kinship navigator programs can offer relatives the support they need to keep children out of foster care and help them thrive.” – **Generations United**