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Rule 5180:3-25-02 Title IV-E candidate for family first prevention services program eligibility.

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(A) To whom may family first prevention services (FFPS) be provided?

The Title IV-E agency may provide FFPS to eligible candidates and the child's parent(s) or kinship caregiver(s).

(B) Which children and caregivers qualify for FFPS?

FFPS are available only for a child who meets the eligibility requirements and for the child's parent(s) or kinship caregiver(s) as defined in section 5180.50 of the Revised Code.

(C) What is the definition of a "candidate for FFPS" for the purposes of this rule and chapter?

A "candidate for FFPS" is:

(1) A child or young adult considered at imminent risk of entering or re-entering foster care, but who can remain safely at home or with a kinship caregiver with the support and provision of approved prevention services for the child, parent, or kinship caregiver.

(2) Youth in foster care who are pregnant or parenting.

(3) Children with an adoption or guardianship arrangement that is at risk of disruption or dissolution as described under 42 U.S.C. 675(13) (2018).

(D) How is "imminent risk" defined for Ohio's prevention services eligibility?

For the purposes of Ohio's prevention services eligibility, "imminent risk" is defined as having at least one risk contributor in the household putting the child at risk of entering or re-entering foster care that could reasonably be addressed by mental health, substance abuse, and/or parenting skill program.

(E) What risk contributors may place a child at imminent risk, and which families with children services involvement are considered at imminent risk?

Risk contributors include child, adult, family, and historic functioning factors in accordance with the "Comprehensive Assessment and Planning Model" (CAPM). CAPM is a strength based and family centered model used to support and document critical child protection decisions regarding child safety, risk of child maltreatment, family functioning, and a family's ability to resolve concerns.

Families with children services involvement are considered at imminent risk if one of the following applies:

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(1) The family has an open children services case and there is at least one child living in the home or with a kinship caregiver.

(2) The child(ren) has achieved permanency, through reunification, legal custody, or adoption, within the last twelve months and the family is willing to participate in services voluntarily.

(F) How is a child defined for the purposes of FFPS?

A child is defined as any person under eighteen years of age or a person under twenty-one years of age who has a physical or mental impairment; mental or psychological disorder such as an intellectual disability; physiological disorder or condition.

(G) How is a young adult defined for the purposes of FFPS?

A young adult is an individual over eighteen years of age who has a Title IV-E adoption assistance or guardianship assistance agreement that became effective after the individual turned sixteen years of age, or who meets the eligibility requirements for the bridges program.

(H) How are candidates for FFPS eligibility determined?

Candidates for FFPS eligibility are determined in Ohio's comprehensive child welfare information system (CCWIS) by the Title IV-E agency once all FFPS eligibility requirements have been met.

(I) When does eligibility for FFPS end?

(1) The Title IV-E agency assumes legal responsibility for the care and placement or custody of the child.

(2) Twelve months from the date of initial eligibility which may be redetermined for an additional twelve months.

(3) The child is no longer a pregnant or parenting youth in foster care who needs FFPS, including youth in extended foster care.

(J) When is the Title IV-E agency to create a new FFPS episode in Ohio's CCWIS for pregnant or parenting youth?

FFPS is to be created in Ohio's CCWIS for pregnant or parenting youth coming into the legal responsibility for the care and placement/custody of the Title IV-E agency.