



A HOME FOR EVERY CHILD IN DC

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Introduction: DC's Commitment to Technical Bulletin (TB) 14

DC affirms its full participation in the TB14 pilot and commits to implementing a streamlined, outcomes-focused Program Improvement Plan that strengthens safety, permanency, and wellbeing for children and families. By opting into the TB14 framework, the agency embraces the flexibility to identify, design, and implement improvement strategies that are child-centered, data-driven, and aligned with the A Home for Every Child initiative. This includes developing a focused set of strategies, adopting a simplified measurement and reporting approach, and using existing continuous quality improvement structures to monitor progress, generate actionable learning, and adjust course as needed.

As part of this commitment, DC acknowledges all federal expectations under TB14, including completing required components of the PIP and Measurement Plan and collaborating with federal partners, capacity-building centers, and technical assistance providers. The agency is dedicated to advancing meaningful improvements in child welfare outcomes—expanding the availability and stability of foster, kinship, and adoptive homes; reducing unnecessary system involvement; improving permanency and home stability; strengthening prevention efforts; and enhancing wellbeing indicators. Real-time data and continuous quality improvement will guide decision-making as DC works toward lasting, measurable progress for children and families.



*Our commitment:
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CFSA's TB14 Strategies

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CFSA's strategic direction to accomplish the vision of A Home for Every Child can be distilled into a simple commitment: **Prevention that works. Family-based settings that fit. People who stay.** Together, these three pillars capture the agency's commitment to strengthening families, stabilizing homes, and sustaining a supported network of caregivers.

Prevention that works reflects CFSA's shift toward upstream supports that keep children safely with their families. Across Title IVE prevention planning, Community Pathway implementation, kin-first practice, and expanded partnerships with health and human services agencies, CFSA is building a prevention system that is responsive, accessible, and integrated.

Homes that fit highlights the agency's commitment to matching children with safe, stable homes that meet their unique needs. The focus is on ensuring that every home is not only available, but appropriate, well-supported, and capable of helping children thrive.

People who stay emphasizes resource parent retention: ensuring caregivers are well supported through coaching, peer networks, shared parenting, and tools like the Resource Parent Practice Profile. By investing in the stability and wellbeing of caregivers, CFSA strengthens placement stability and long-term permanency.

Together, these strategies advance a coherent vision: a child welfare system where effective prevention reduces harm, homes provide stability, and resource parents remain supported partners over time.

Strategy

Implementation

Reporting Measures

Prevention that works.

CFSA will engage and license kin quickly while delivering coordinated prevention services that help children remain safely with family.

Prioritizes keeping children safely with family through strong kin-first practices and a responsive, evidence-based prevention system. CFSA conducts immediate diligent searches, identifies relatives within 24–48 hours, and convenes a Family Team Meeting within 7 calendar days. Kin receive expedited temporary licenses, followed by training and a full home study, along with rapid access to supports such as the Warmline, Online Resource Directory, and Kinship Navigator.

Prevention is strengthened by expanding IV-E-supported evidence-based programs, using structured risk assessments, and ensuring motivational interviewing guides all early stage engagement.

- Percent of children in care at the end of the month who have a home with relatives or kin.
- Percent of days children in group homes/settings instead of living with a family.
- Percent change month to month of newly licensed kinship homes.
- Percent of children harmed after child welfare agency has confirmed abuse or neglect.
- Percentage of CFSA-involved families who are receiving an evidence-based program rated as supported or well-supported by the Title IV-E Clearinghouse.

Family-based settings that fit.

CFSA will ensure every child has a home with a well-prepared, well supported caregiver who can meet their unique needs and provide a stable, permanent home.

A child-centered strategy that ensures every young person is matched with the right family-based home. CFSA streamlines recruitment-to-licensing, strengthens cross-jurisdiction permanency supports, and expands specialized home options.

- Percent change month to month of newly licensed homes.

People who stay.

CFSA will strengthen resource parent retention through targeted supports and coaching.

The agency strengthens resource parent retention by using National Center for Diligent Recruitment (NCDR) tools (dashboards, automated analytics, and quarterly reviews) to understand and respond to caregiver needs. Retention is further reinforced through targeted training, shared parenting supports, trauma-informed coaching, peer groups, crisis response, respite coordination, and the Professional Foster Parent model, all designed to sustain resource parents and ensure stable, long-term permanency for children.

- Percent of homes where a child's time in the home ends unexpectedly, requiring a move.
- Percent of foster homes that renew their license each year.