

# CT Family First Governance Committee Meeting

UPDATES TO THE PREVENTION PLAN

JUNE 11, 2021

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# Agenda

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Updates since the last meeting

Review of substantive feedback of the Prevention Plan

Next Steps

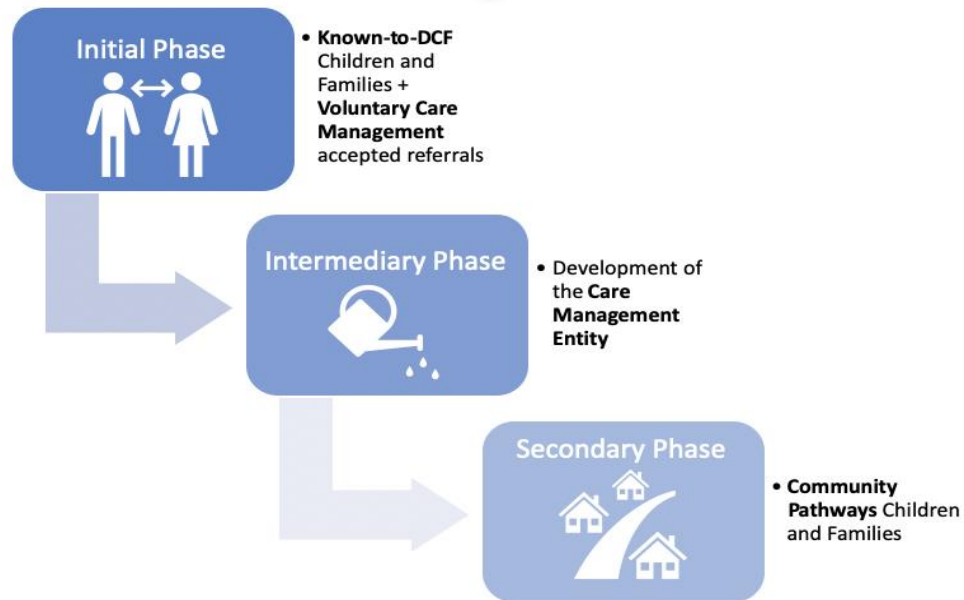
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# Section 1: Background and Vision for Transformation

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1. Enhanced language around crucial partnership with Department of Education (p. 7, 14, 16)
2. Bolstered language around why serving families upstream aligns with mission of Family First (p. 8)
  - “The community pathways population includes “upstream” families experiencing specific behavior, conditions, or circumstances that are likely to have an adverse impact on a child's development or functioning and for whom research establishes that such characteristics or conditions place them at risk for maltreatment, involvement with the child welfare system, or out-of-home placement.

# Section 2: Eligibility and Candidacy Identification



1. Updated candidacy population language for clarity:
  1. "Caregivers or children who have a substance use disorder, mental health condition, or disability that impacts parenting (recognizing the diverse needs of this group)"
2. Introduce phased approach to candidacy implementation (p. 7, p. 8, p. 24)
  - **Initial phase:** "Known-to-DCF" + Voluntary Care Management families
    - *Page 25:* "While families served through Voluntary Care Management are identified through the "Community Pathways" track, they will be served in Connecticut's initial phase of implementation as there is an existing referral and service infrastructure."
  - **Secondary Phase:** Community Pathways will be implemented once partnerships, infrastructure, and fiscal support are sufficiently established

# Section 3: Prevention Services

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1. Clarified that MST outcome data included both CTDCF and CSSD cases (p. 36, Table 10).
2. Clarified that CT already has evaluation partners for TF-CBT in CHDI, but will need additional evaluation partners and financial resources to evaluate the remaining Tier 2 services identified in the Plan (pp. 40-41).
3. Reiterated that the implementation approach will be dictated by the new phasing of candidacy along with first prioritizing implementation of services that have existing infrastructure in CT (p. 42)

# Section 4: Child-Specific Prevention Plan

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1. Added information regarding Wrap CT as an example of improvements made toward family engagement and identification of family needs:
  - *Page 44:* "Connecticut believes that stronger engagement practices will ultimately lead to improved assessment and identification of family needs. **Wrap CT was funded in 2006 in Connecticut in order to provide comprehensive mental health care to children and families through the Wraparound evidence-based service delivery model. Connecticut intends to leverage and build upon the existing workforce capacity around Wraparound values and principles in order to improve partnership and assessment of family needs.**"

# Section 6: Evaluation Strategy and Waiver Request

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1. Took out Chapin Hall's name as CTDCF's CQI partner (p. 59)
2. Clarified that CQI efforts would include CQI of the services **and** the care management entity itself (p. 59)
3. Clarified that all CQI work will embed a racial equity lens
  - *Page 59: "Informed by the *Framework*, CTDCF has developed a list of cross-cutting research questions that will be applied to all EBPs in Connecticut's Prevention Plan. **All evaluation and CQI questions will be examined from the standpoint of racial equity; Connecticut plans to engage a diverse set of stakeholders and data to ensure it approaches Family First CQI with racial justice at the forefront."***
4. Added Community Pathway Partners as essential CQI partners as they will provide insight to the referral process and ability to connect families with FF services via the care management entity (p. 61)

# Wrap-up

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Questions and feedback

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