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# Take Action Guide

Let's Be Better Together - Five Questions  
Your Court Team Must Discuss Before  
Serving In-Home Families

## TAKE A NEXT STEP

Here are some possible steps as you take what you have learned and put it into action. Please contact us if you have any questions or need further assistance.



### 1

## IDENTIFY WHAT FAMILIES NEED

**Resource:** National Resource Center for Family-Centered Practice - <https://clas.uiowa.edu/nrcfcp/>

**Resource:** Rise Magazine - <http://www.risemagazine.org/>

- Conduct focus groups with families to identify what would help them immediately and achieve long-term success
- Visit Rise Magazine -written by parents for parents involved in child welfare system
- Establish a work-group or advisory board that focuses on protective factors
- Learn more about family preservation and in-home service models
- Listen!

### 2

## MAP YOUR COMMUNITY

**Resource:** National Center on Secondary Education and Transition - Community Resource Mapping (2005)  
[http://www.ncset.org/publications/essentialtools/mapping/NCSET\\_EssentialTools\\_ResourceMapping.pdf](http://www.ncset.org/publications/essentialtools/mapping/NCSET_EssentialTools_ResourceMapping.pdf)

- Establish a work-group through your governance structure to focus on community mapping
- Identify services and resources needed for primary prevention and family preservation
- Identify gaps in services and resources
- Scan and identify the community for existing initiatives, services, and resources
- Develop an Action Plan based on the findings
- Share the results with partner agencies and community
- Develop a process for updating the Community Map or remapping





## BUILD STRONGER PARTNERSHIPS

**Resource:** A Collaborative Approach to the Treatment of Pregnant Women With Opioid Use Disorders: Practice and Policy Considerations for Child Welfare, Collaborating Medical, and Service Providers (2016)

[https://ncsacw.samhsa.gov/files/Collaborative\\_Approach\\_508.pdf](https://ncsacw.samhsa.gov/files/Collaborative_Approach_508.pdf)

**Resource:** Visit Family Justice Initiative website:  
<https://familyjusticeinitiative.org>

- Develop and strengthen key partners in primary prevention - state and county child welfare agencies; courts attorneys and Court Improvement Program; substance use disorder treatment and mental health providers; community-based
- Conduct systems or case flow walk-through to learn how families and their cases move through each system
- Conduct cross-systems training sessions
- Learn about Plans of Safe Care



## LEARN MORE ABOUT FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT (2018)

**Resource:**  
Childre's Bureau - <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb>

**Resource:**  
21st National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect Conference  
<https://nccan.acf.hhs.gov/index.html>

**Resource:** [www.familyfirstact.org](http://www.familyfirstact.org)

**Resource:** Annie E. Casey Foundation Communications Toolkit - <https://www.aecf.org/blog/new-tool-kit-helps-leaders-communicate-the-benefits-of-family-first-law/>

- Visit the Children's Bureau's website and read the series of information memorandums (IMs) pertaining to Family First Act
- Watch video highlights from the 21st National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect Conference (April 2019)
- Download the Family First Act Communications Toolkit developed by Annie E. Casey Foundation
- Visit [www.familyfirstact.org](http://www.familyfirstact.org) for a database of resources



## CONTACT US

**Resource:**  
Children and Family Futures - [www.cffutures.org/national-fdc-tta-program/](http://www.cffutures.org/national-fdc-tta-program/)

**Resource:** <https://www.cffutures.org/start/>

**Resource:** <https://www.cffutures.org/qic-ccct/>

- Contact us about FTCs and court teams that have succeeded in serving in-home families affected by parental SUDs
- Contact us about QIC
- Contact us about START
- Contact us about training and technical assistance resources about family recovery, SUD and cross-system collaboration
- Contact us at [fdc@cffutures.org](mailto:fdc@cffutures.org)



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