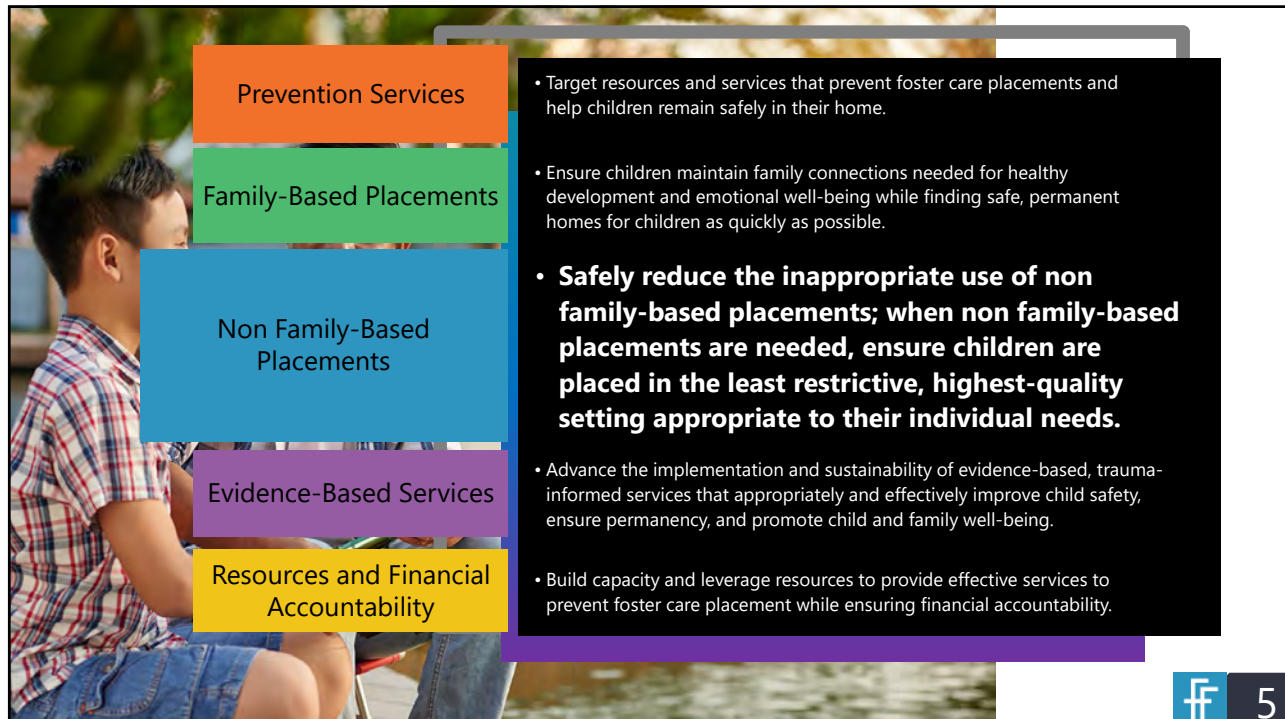






The **vision** for Family First is to **keep children safe, strengthen families** and **reduce the need for foster care** whenever it is safe to do so.

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Prevention Services

- Target resources and services that prevent foster care placements and help children remain safely in their home.

Family-Based Placements

- Ensure children maintain family connections needed for healthy development and emotional well-being while finding safe, permanent homes for children as quickly as possible.

Non Family-Based Placements

- **Safely reduce the inappropriate use of non family-based placements; when non family-based placements are needed, ensure children are placed in the least restrictive, highest-quality setting appropriate to their individual needs.**

Evidence-Based Services

- Advance the implementation and sustainability of evidence-based, trauma-informed services that appropriately and effectively improve child safety, ensure permanency, and promote child and family well-being.

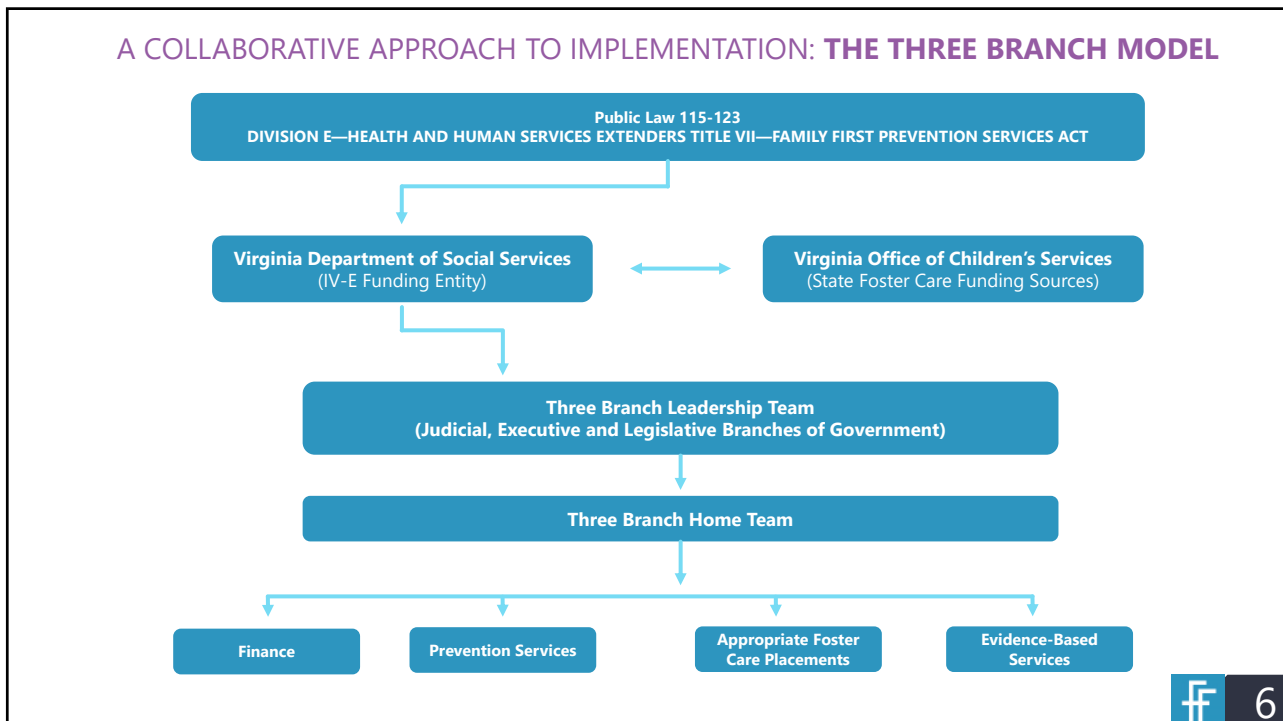
Resources and Financial Accountability

- Build capacity and leverage resources to provide effective services to prevent foster care placement while ensuring financial accountability.

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VIRGINIA'S FAMILY FIRST IMPLEMENTATION



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SAMPLE STAKEHOLDERS:

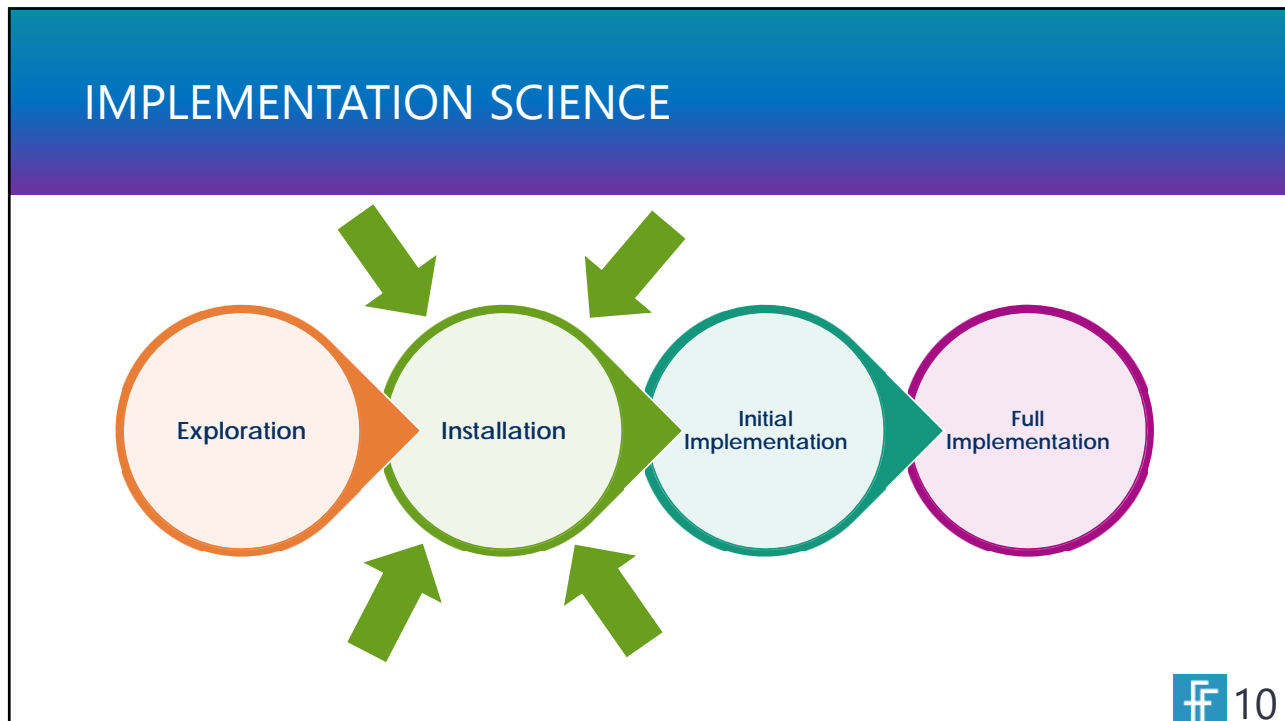
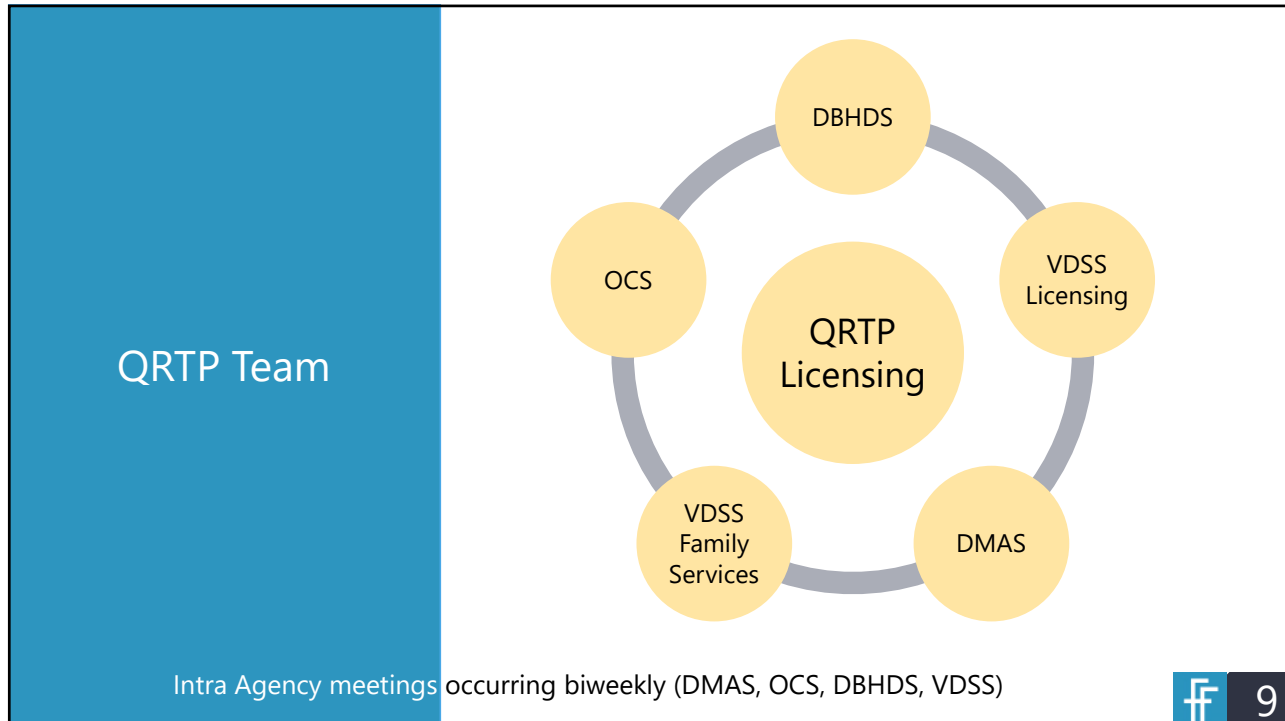
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SAMPLE OF WORKGROUP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

<h3 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Prevention Services</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendations on defining key terms Continuum of Prevention Services Feedback for Development of Federal Clearinghouse 	<h3 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Appropriate Foster Care Placements</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendations for QRTP Assessment Defining Key terms for QRTP qualifications Feedback for Development of Federal Foster Home Model Licensing Standards 	<h3 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Evidence-Based Services</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey for EBS in Virginia Collaboration with DMAS, DBHDS and DJJ Increased understanding of the Hexagon Tool 	<h3 style="text-align: center; margin: 0;">Finance</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintenance of Effort Budget Implications Budget Proposal for General Assembly
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QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM (QRTP) TEAM'S WORK

- Drafted the QRTP Application and process
- Began a "soft launch" of the application process
- Licensing partners are investigating the feasibility of incorporating QRTP into their licensing regulations
- Working with aligning the QRTP Assessment Process with the DMAS clinical assessment.

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FOSTER CARE PROGRAM CHANGES

TITLE IV-E

\$210 Million

50/50 match rate (federal/state)

CHILDREN'S SERVICES ACT

\$370 Million

65/35 average match rate (state/local)

Some placements may be reimbursed from Title IV-E and CSA funds.



WE BELIEVE THAT CHILDREN
DO BEST WHEN RAISED IN
FAMILIES



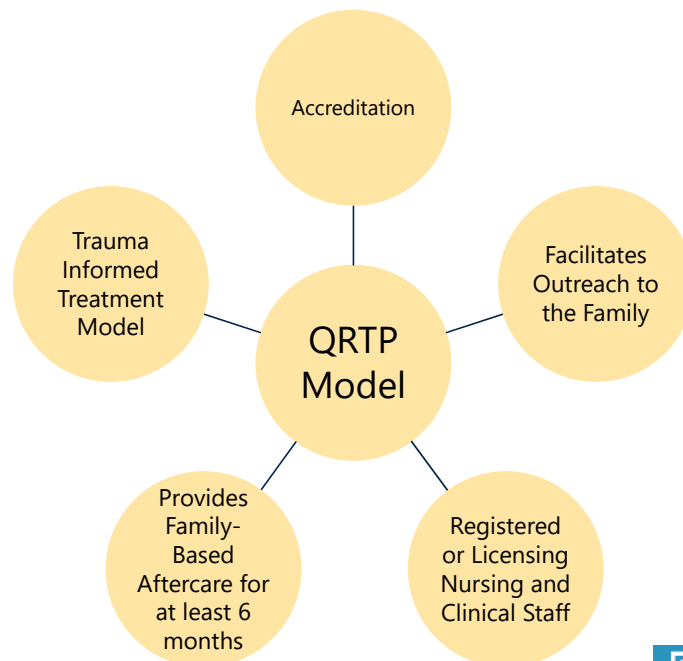
After a two-week grace period, Family First limits IV-E Maintenance Payments to 5 non-family based placement types:

- Placements for pregnant or parenting youth
- Supervised independent living for youth 18+
- **Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTP) for youth with treatment needs**
- High quality residential placements and support services for those at risk and victims of sex trafficking
- Family-based residential treatment facility for substance abuse

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Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) Requirements

(as defined by Family First Legislation)



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QRTP PLACEMENT PROCESS

30-day Assessment

12-month review by Commissioner

60-day Court Review



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Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP)

Applicant Packet



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QRTP APPLICATION PROCESS



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TO DO:

- ❑ Consider becoming a QRTP. Our goal is to post the application by the end of next week. A program can choose to apply to be QRTP at any point. However, you will not be able to receive IV-E reimbursement for serving newly placed children after implementation.
- ❑ Visit the new Family First website (familyfirstvirginia.com) for critical updates. A QRTP FAQ page will soon be added.
- ❑ Reach out to the Family First Team if you have ANY questions not covered in the FAQ or the website (familyfirst@dss.virginia.gov).

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THANK YOU!

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