













Family First Prevention Services Act: Evidentiary Reviewers Needed Training Opportunity and Call for Reviewers

Family First Prevention Services Act is a new and sweeping piece of child welfare legislation. A component of the law is the opportunity for states to request reimbursement for the delivery of evidence-based services. There is a federal Prevention Services Clearinghouse that is rating the evidence-base for services. There is also an option for states to conduct their own, independent systematic reviews of programs and request reimbursement until the FFPSA Clearinghouse review of that intervention has been completed.

Training opportunity hosted by Casey Family Programs and the Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab

The purpose of this training is to prepare participants to conduct evidentiary reviews aligned to the Prevention Services Clearinghouse Handbook (the recent ACYF guidance called these "Technical Reviews"). This training is designed for individuals who have a strong foundation in causal research design, statistics, and systematic reviews. This training is designed for those who are either currently engaged in conducting an FFPSA technical review or have interest and availability to do so within the next year.

Training Components and Requirements

- Pre-reading the <u>Prevention Services Clearinghouse Manual</u>
- Webinar December 6, 2019 at 9:00 am 10:30 am MT
- Between Session Work Reviewing a Study
- In-Person Training, January 14, 2020, Full Day in Denver, Colorado

Technical Advisors / Trainers

Peter Pecora / Crystal Ward Allen, Casey Family Programs

- Elysia Clemens, Colorado Evaluation and Action Lab
- John Fluke, Kempe Center
- Marc Winokur, Social Work Research Center at Colorado State University



Call for Colorado-based Reviewers

Colorado has a list of programs in need of review. The Colorado Lab is offering a limited number of \$750 stipends for Colorado-based researchers to participate fully in the above training, with the goal of identifying a well rounded talent pool to conduct reviews during 2020. The Colorado Lab-funded stipend for conducting a technical evidentiary review will be \$3,000. There will be two reviewers per program or service.

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