

TITLE IV-E

The Federal Foster Care Program, also called Title IV-E, helps provide safe and stable out-of-home care for children until they are able to safely return home, placed permanently with adoptive families or placed in other planned arrangements.

In FY 2018, the Department of Human Services received \$100,143,079 and the Department of Juvenile Justice received \$1,495,178 of federal funding for Title IV-E.

Funding activities include:

- Monthly maintenance payments for daily care and supervision of eligible children.
- Administrative costs to manage the program at the state level.
- Training of staff and foster care providers.
- Title IV-E Child Welfare Education Program provides stipends for competitively selected MSW and BSW senior students to prepare them for competent professional child welfare practice.

TOP REASONS A CHILD IS IN FOSTER CARE



Neglect

Drug Abuse



Inadequate Housing

Abandonment



Incarceration



Approximately

14,000

kids are in Georgia's
foster care system

FAMILIES FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT

The Family First Prevention Services Act reformed Title IV-E to fund prevention services to families who are at risk of entering the child welfare system.

The changes will help keep children safely with their families and avoid the traumatic experience of entering foster care, emphasizes the importance of children growing up in families, and helps ensure children are placed in the least restrictive, most family-like setting appropriate to their needs.

NEW PREVENTION ACTIVITIES



12 months of mental health services & substance abuse treatment



In-home parent skill-based programs



Mandatory prevention plan for a child to remain safely at home



No time limit for family reunification



Trauma-informed services*