



Strengthening Funding and Advocacy Capacity within the HFA Network: *Focus on Family First Prevention Services Act*

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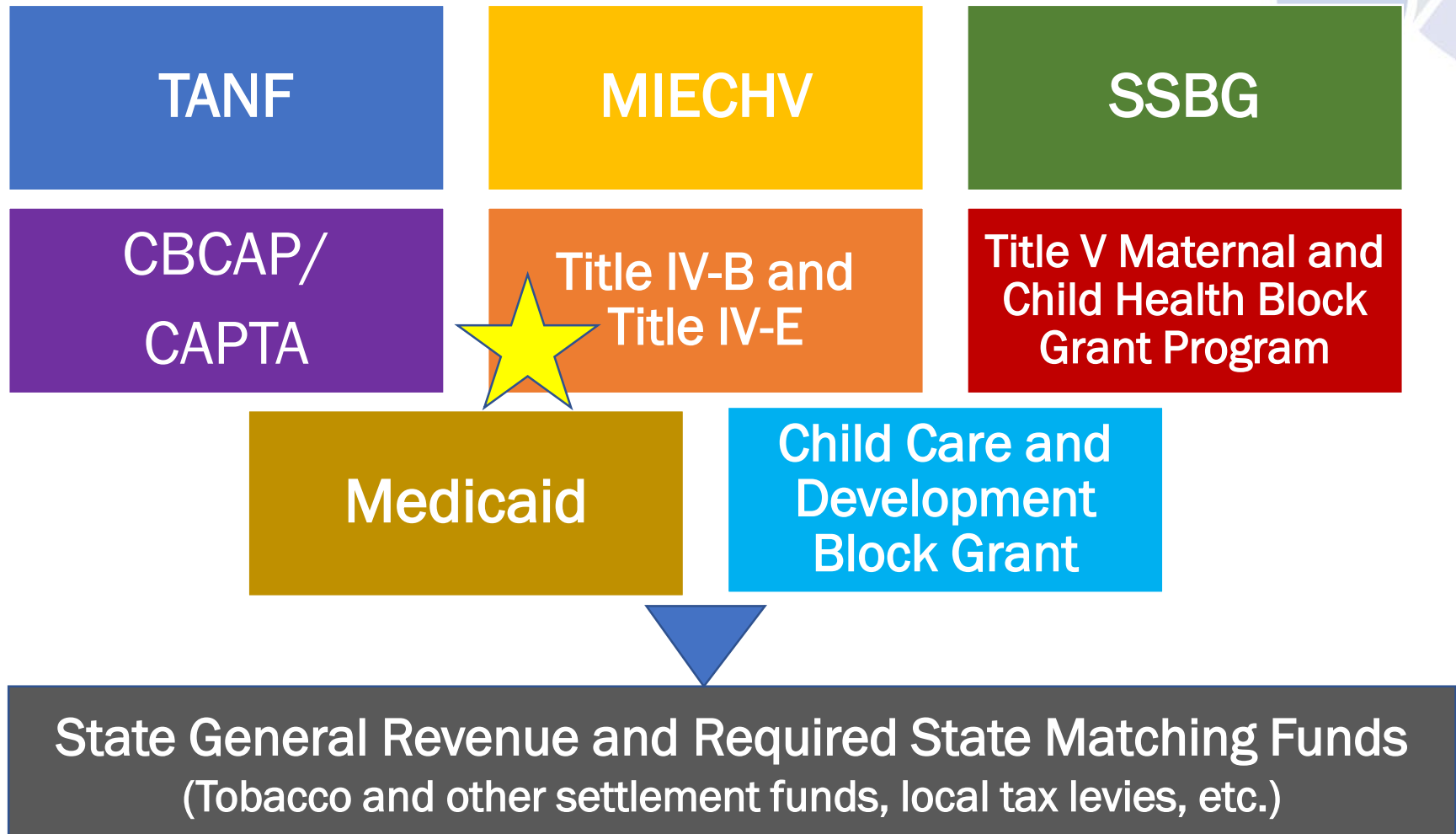
Welcome



Today's Agenda

- Family First overview
 - Status of Prevention Plans
- Learning from HFA sites and State leadership in Kansas
- State-Level engagement and advocacy strategies
- Upcoming webinar schedule and topics in the Public Policy webinar series

Funding Streams to Support Home Visiting



Family First Prevention Plans

Approved

- [Arkansas](#)
- [Kansas](#)
- [Kentucky](#)
- [Maryland](#)
- [Utah](#)
- [District of Columbia](#)

Submitted

- Alaska
- [Iowa](#)
- [Nebraska](#)
- [North Dakota](#)
- [Virginia](#)
- [Washington](#)
- West Virginia

Current & Expected Evidence-based Services

States that have included or expect to include HFA in their Prevention Plan:

- Colorado
- Washington, DC
- Georgia
- Indiana
- Kansas
- Maryland
- Michigan
- Missouri
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Jersey
- North Dakota
- Virginia
- West Virginia

http://childwelfareevidence.org/wp-content/uploads/State-inventory-of-interventions-for-FFPSA-_6-29-20_External_Version.pdf

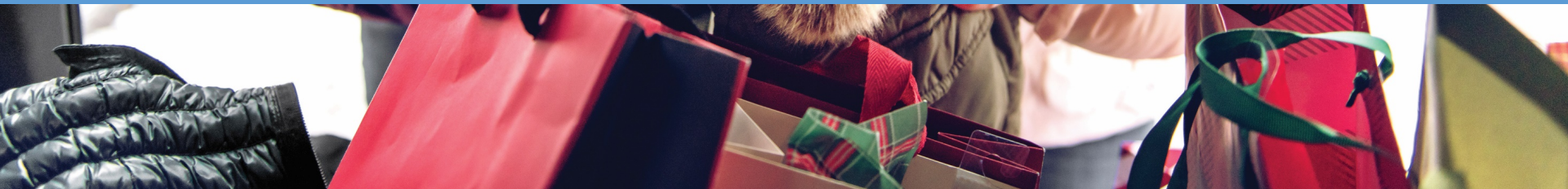
Family First Prevention Services Act: Partnership Opportunities for Healthy Families America

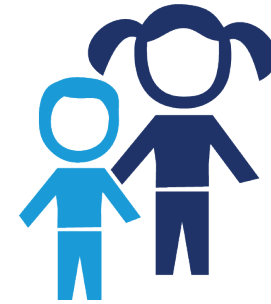
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Family First

Transforming child welfare to achieve better
outcomes for children and families



“Family First” in Many Ways

Family as the first and best choice for children
Services to reduce risk and prevent removal from home

...as a safety net when children cannot remain at home
Emphasis on kinship placement and kinship navigation

...as a high quality foster care service
Improved foster care standards

...as the first and best choice for children in foster care
Reduction in payments for congregate settings



Leveraging Family First to Promote Child Welfare System Transformation

Prevention

Evidence
Based
Programs

Congregate
Care

Other Major
Provisions

Federal Funding for Evidence-Based Prevention Services



In-home
parent skill-
building and
development



Substance
abuse
treatment
and
prevention



Mental
health
treatment

Prevention Opportunities

- ✓ **Transform** the child welfare focus from foster care to prevention, increased family stability, and well-being
- ✓ **Invest** in evidence-based interventions
- ✓ **Apply** a trauma-responsive lens to the continuum of prevention services
- ✓ **Partner** across systems to align prevention efforts
- ✓ **Scale** up prevention services and de-scale foster care

Reduce Inappropriate Institutional Placements

- Family First restricts federal dollars for institutional placements
- Federal reimbursement primarily available for:
 - ✓ Facilities that meet the *Qualified Residential Treatment Program* (QRTP) criteria
 - ✓ Children whose assessment indicates their clinical needs are best met in a residential treatment setting

Create Responsive Placement Arrays

- ✓ **Improve** quality of treatment settings to better address child needs
- ✓ **Build** an effective array of family-based placements and community supports to meet treatment needs and promote placement stability
- ✓ **Prevent** inappropriate increases to the juvenile justice population and inappropriate clinical diagnoses
- ✓ **Provide** aftercare services to promote on-going stability and success
- ✓ **Expand** business models of placement providers beyond group care
- ✓ **Scale** up high quality foster caregiving and descale group care settings

Title IV-E Prevention Plans



Prevention Plans: Key Elements

- Eligibility and Candidacy Identification
- Services Description and Oversight
- Child Specific Prevention Plan
- Monitoring Child Safety
- Evaluation and Continuous Quality Improvement
- Child Welfare Workforce Training and Support
- Prevention Caseloads for Child Welfare Workers
- **Efforts to Consult and Coordinate with Key Stakeholders/Partners**



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HFA & State Child Welfare Leadership Partnership

Kansas Family First Prevention Services

Keeping families safely together



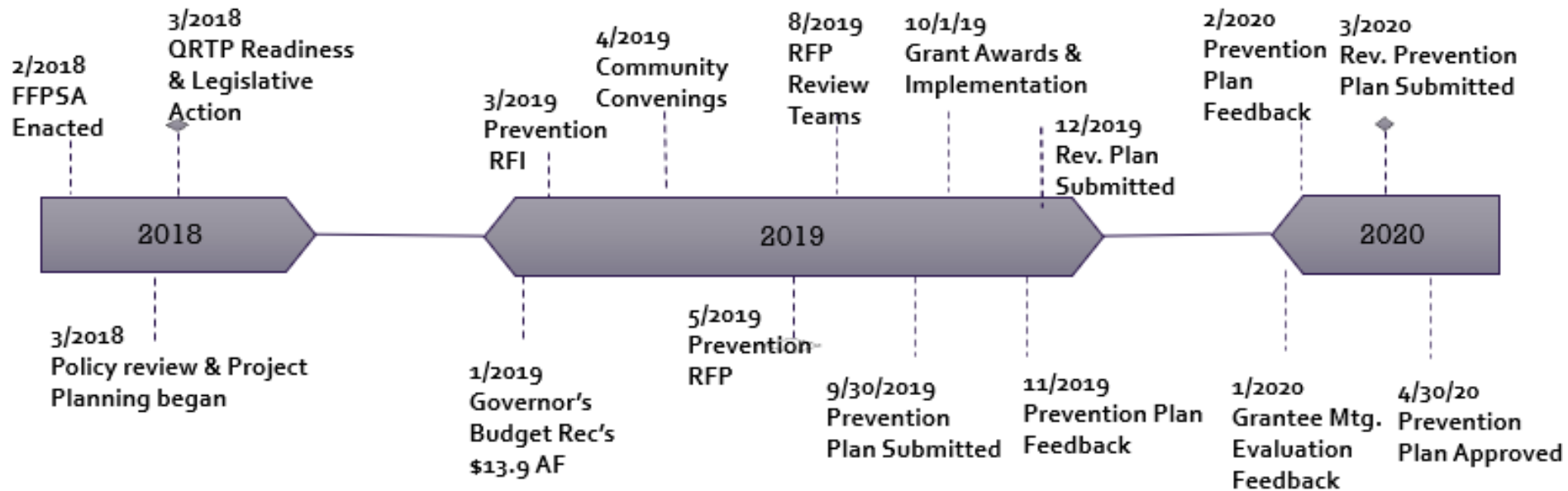
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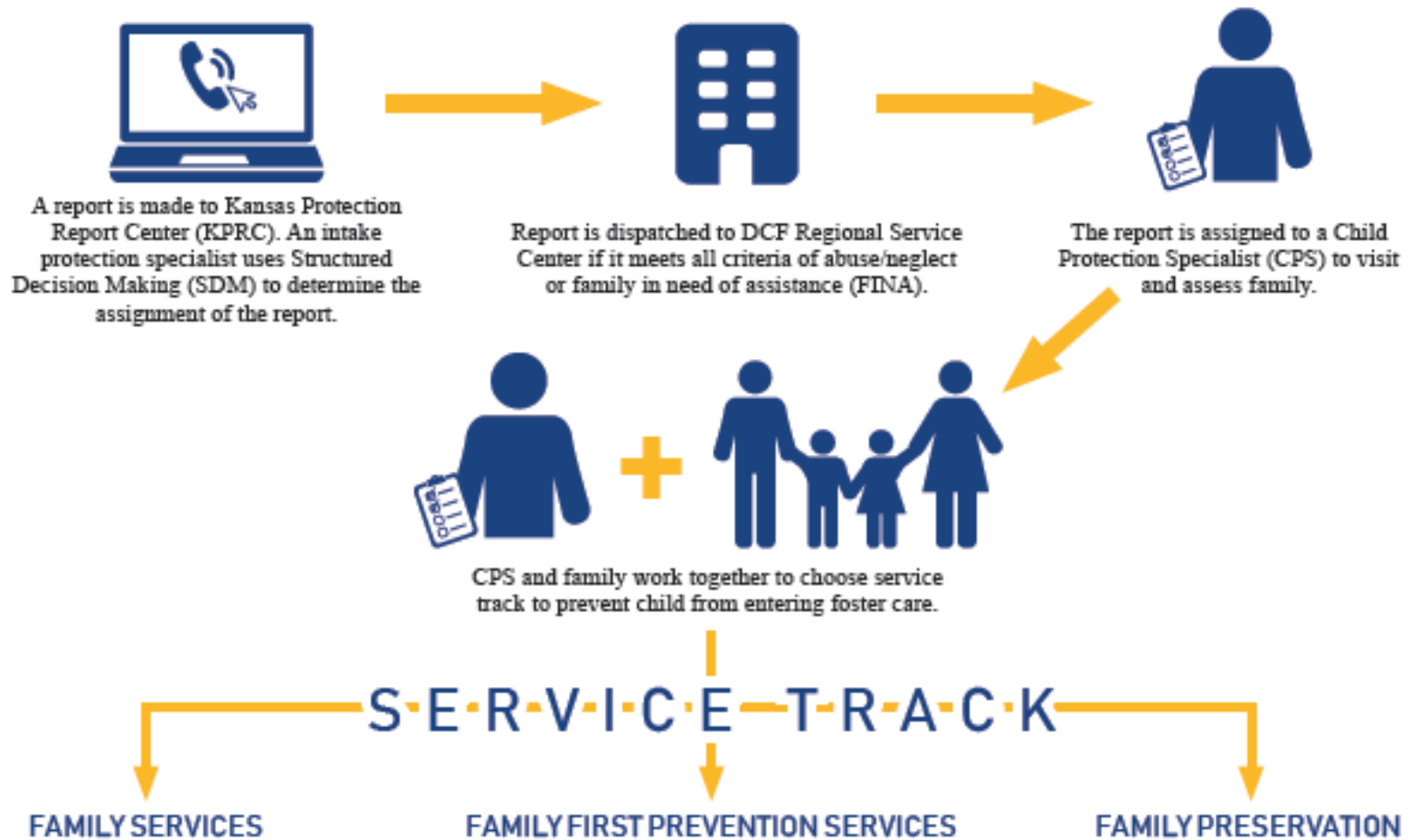
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Timeline Overview



Accessing Family First Services



Candidacy of Care Definition

- A child(ren) or youth residing with a parent or caregiver who DCF determines is at imminent risk of foster care and out of home placement
- A child(ren) or youth who exited foster care to adoption or permanent custodianship or guardianship, or who was reunified with parents and is at risk of entering foster care.
- Pregnant and parenting youth in foster care and out of home placement.
- Siblings residing in the home of youth in foster care.

Kansas Family First Services

SUD

- Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach (A-CRA)
- Parent Child Assistance Program (PCAP)
- Seeking Safety

MH

- Family Centered Treatment *
- Functional Family Therapy *
- Parent Child Interaction Therapy *
- Multisystemic Therapy *

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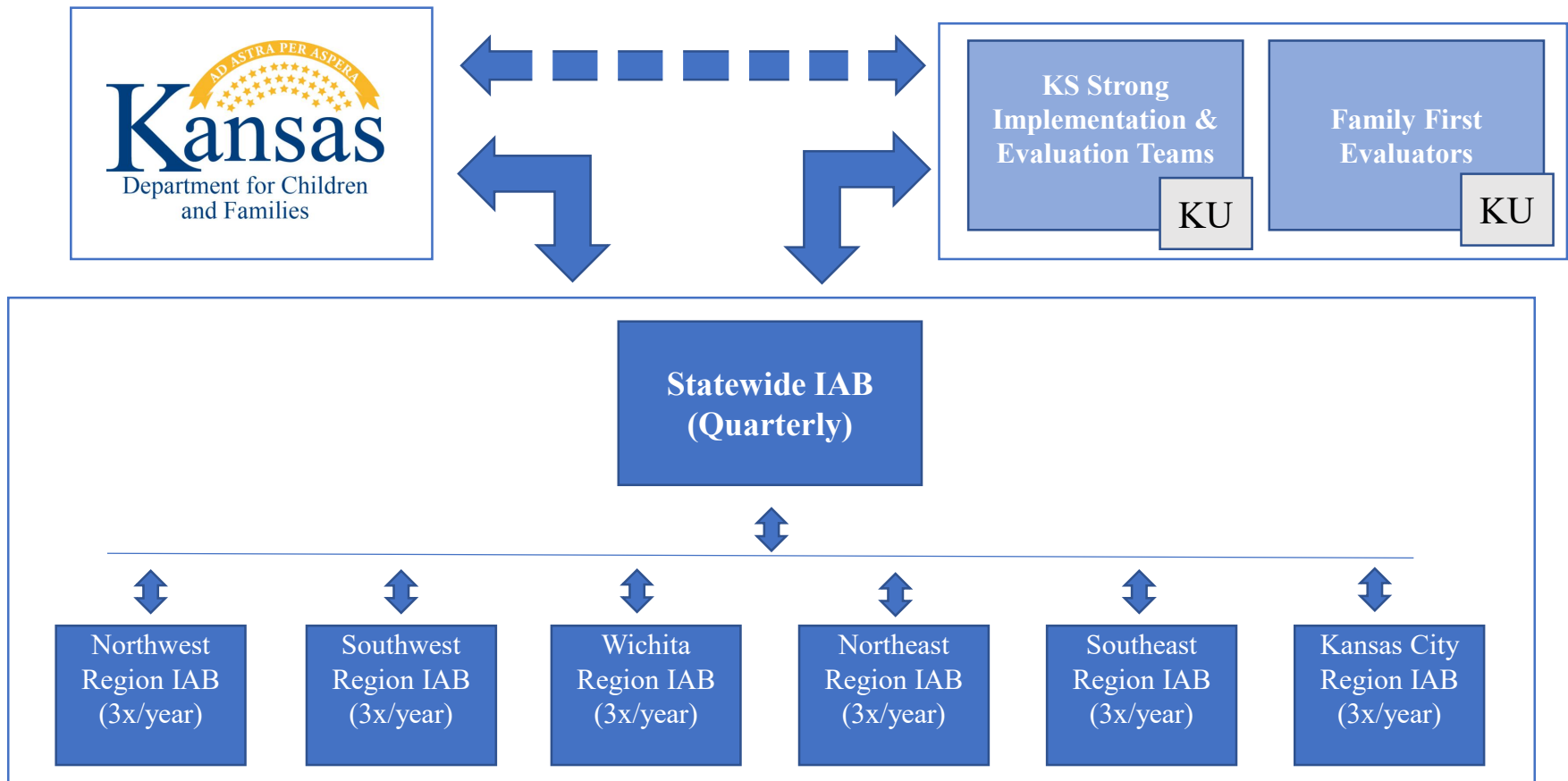
- Attachment and Biobehavioral Catch-Up (ABC)
- Family Mentoring Program
- Fostering Prevention
- Healthy Families America *
- Parents as Teachers *

KIN

- Kinship Interdisciplinary Navigation Technologically Advanced Model (KIN-TECH)

* Eligible for Family First funding

Interagency Advisory Boards



Discussion



Kansas Resources

DCF Public Website

Service Menus,
Newsletters, Approved
Prevention Plan &
More!

<http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/PPS/Pages/FFPSA.aspx>

To follow our journey, send request to receive newsletter:

DCF.FamilyFirst@ks.gov





How Change Happens

- **Advocating • Educating • Informing • Lobbying Efforts**

HFA webinar schedule

- 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in August
 - August 25, 3-3:30pm CT
- 2nd Tuesday of every month beginning September, HFA Leadership in Action 3-4pm CT
- **Public Policy series continues**
 - October: Medicaid Funding: Moving Advocacy into Action (*during HFA Live*)
 - December: Sharing Successes: State & Federal Financing
 - February: Advocacy Strategies at the State & Federal Level



THANK YOU!