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Overview of Technical Bulletin

This technical bulletin provides general information on the title IV-E prevention program services data (IV-E PSD) collection timelines the Children's Bureau (CB) will use to manage data submission.

Background

On February 9, 2018, the Family First Prevention Services Act (Family First) was enacted to authorize new optional title IV-E funding for time-limited (1 year) prevention services for mental health, substance abuse, and in-home parent skill-based programs for:

- 1) A child who is a candidate for foster care (as defined in section 475(13) of the Social Security Act)
- 2) pregnant or parenting youth in foster care, and
- 3) the parents/kin caregivers of those children and youth (sections 471(e), 474(a)(6), and 475(13) of the Act)

The prevention program authorized by Family First is referred to as the title IV-E prevention program, and the services being provided under this program are referred to as title IV-E prevention services. Title IV-E agencies (agencies) that elect to implement the title IV-E prevention program are required to submit a 5-year prevention program plan. Please see the following resources for more information:

- 1) [IM-18-02](#) – Published: April 12, 2018 – This Information Memorandum (IM) informs title IV-E agencies of the enactment of the Family First Prevention Services Act and provides basic information on the new law.
- 2) [PI-18-09](#) – Published: November 30, 2018 – This Program Instruction (PI) provides instruction for state title IV-E agencies on the title IV-E prevention program requirements.
- 3) [PI-18-10](#) – Published: November 30, 2018 – This PI instructs tribal title IV-E agencies administering or supervising the administration of title IV-E under sections 479B and 471(a) of the Act on the title IV-E prevention program requirements.
- 4) [Revised Technical Bulletin #1](#) – Published: August 10, 2021 – This technical bulletin provides instruction regarding title IV-E prevention program data elements.

CB will use the information from agencies operating a title IV-E prevention program to calculate annual title IV-E prevention services measures in accordance with section 471(e)(6)(A) of the Act. In addition, the CB may use this data to assess the extent to which the provision of the services and programs reduces the likelihood of foster care placements, increases kinship arrangements, or improves child well-being in accordance with section 476(d)(3) of the Act.

In accordance with section 471(e)(5)(B)(x) of the Act, each agency with an approved title IV-E prevention program plan submitted Attachment I: State or Tribal Title IV-E Prevention Program Reporting Assurance to CB as part of the agency's title IV-E prevention program plan. Agencies use Attachment I to satisfy section 471(e)(5)(B)(x) of the Act by assuring that they will report to the Secretary such information and data as the Secretary may require with respect to the title IV-E prevention program, including information and data necessary to determine the performance measures.

Overview of the Title IV-E Data Collection Schedule

Agencies that elect to implement the title IV-E prevention program are required to collect and report data on candidates and pregnant and parenting youth who have a prevention plan for title IVE prevention services using title IV-E agency specific administrative data as required in sections 471(e)(4)(E) and 471(e)(5)(B)(x) of the Act. Many of the data elements for the title IV-E prevention program data collection are unique compared to what is currently captured in existing federal child welfare data sources (e.g., Adoption and Foster Care Analysis Reporting System (AFCARS), National Youth in Transition Database (NYTD), and the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS)). Therefore, we anticipate that agencies will need to modify their Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) to report this data to the CB. Data element details are provided in [Revised Technical Bulletin #1](#).

For the agency's initial 5-year prevention plan, agencies may choose to begin collecting data at any point after the agency's title IV-E prevention program plan is approved. However, agencies are not required to begin collecting data until the beginning of the federal fiscal year (FFY) after the FFY in which the CB approved the title IV-E agency's prevention plan. Therefore, a title IV-E agency will have the remainder of the current FFY in which the prevention plan is approved, in addition to the next full FFY as a planning year to prepare for the first data submission. [See table 1](#).

For subsequent 5-year prevention plans, and amendments, agencies must begin reporting data in the period after the agency's title IV-E amendment or 5-year prevention plan is approved. However, if they have already been collecting data prior to the amendment approval, they may choose to submit that data as well.

Agencies are required to submit data on all candidates and pregnant or parenting youth with a prevention plan on a 6-month basis. Data collection periods will be bi-annual from October 1 through March 31 and April 1 through September 30. Agencies will have a data transmission period of 45 days in which to transfer data. The 45-day transmission period begins the day after the 6-month period ends. These transmission dates will be April 1 through May 15 and October 1 through November 14. The agency's submission timeline is based on the approval date of the agency's title IV-E prevention program plan. This date may differ from the effective date of the plan and can be found on the agency's approved Attachment B Plan Certification.

The data file should be cumulative and include data on all candidates, and pregnant and parenting youth receiving title IV-E programs or services as of the first day of the agency's first collection period. Each submission should include data elements on all candidates, and pregnant and parenting youth previously or currently served under the approved title IV-E prevention services program. Table 1 below provides examples of initial title IV-E prevention plan approval dates and corresponding data collection and transmission dates.

Table 1: Title IV-E First Data Collection and Transmission Examples for FFYs 2020–2025

FFY Approval	First Data Collection Period*	First Data Transmission Period [Date Data Due to CB]
FFY 2020	FFY 2022: Oct. 1, 2021–Mar. 31, 2022	Apr. 1, 2022 – [May 15, 2022]
FFY 2021	FFY 2023: Oct. 1, 2022–Mar. 31, 2023	Apr. 1, 2023 – [May 15, 2023]
FFY 2022	FFY 2024: Oct. 1, 2023–Mar. 31, 2024	Apr. 1, 2024 – [May 15, 2024]
FFY 2023	FFY 2025: Oct. 1, 2024–Mar. 31, 2025	Apr. 1, 2025 – [May 15, 2025]
FFY 2024	FFY 2026: Oct. 1, 2025–Mar. 31, 2026	Apr. 1, 2026 – [May 15, 2026]
FFY 2025	FFY 2027: Oct. 1, 2026–Mar. 31, 2027	Apr. 1, 2027 – [May 15, 2027]

*Agencies must begin collecting data starting one full FFY following the FFY in which the plan was approved.