

SAMPLE Talking Points

As of provider child and family services, we are here to help the state of Iowa implement the Family First Prevention Services Act.

Until Family First was passed, federal IV-E funding was only available when the child was removed from their family. Now, the State of Iowa can draw down federal funds to expand the menu of options for children and families before they are removed and placed in out of home care.

We believe in keeping kids as close to home as possible, utilizing informal supports and wrapping services around this at-risk population of children and families.

In doing so we currently provide the following scientific, evidence-based practices to serve our families:

EXAMPLE:

- SafeCare
- Incredible Years
- Nurturing Parenting Program
- Love & Logic
- North Carolina Family Assessment Scale (NCFAC)
- Parent Child Interaction Therapy

Provide an example of one of the EBPs and briefly explain. (EXAMPLE: Safecare): SafeCare® is a home visiting program for parents of children ages 0-5 years who are at risk for child maltreatment or have been reported to Child Protective Services (CPS) for child maltreatment. The program aims to reduce subsequent child maltreatment by educating parents on home safety and organization skills, child health and nutrition management, and parent-child interaction skills. SafeCare uses trained home visitors (care coordinators) to educate parents on these components such that their skills are generalizable across settings, time, and behaviors.

We currently provide the EBP in # of counties served. (Example: We provide SafeCare in 21 of 30 counties we serve.)

To implement the EBP (EXAMPLE: SafeCare);

It costs the agency \$43,000- \$50,000 a year for staff time to be training in the EBP (excludes staff coverage for services).

To saturate the counties covered it would cost an additional \$475,000-\$510,000.

We want to continue providing the Evidence-Based practices as they are proven to result in better outcomes for kids and families. We also would like to continue to change our programming and implement more scientific, evidence-based practices, however we need to shift the way we do business.

We are willing to do this. We are committed to do this. We need your help. We need you to invest state dollars to transform the system.