

State Plan B. STATE PLAN FOR TITLE IV-E OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT: PREVENTION SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

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As a condition of the receipt of Prevention Services and Program funds under title IV-E of the Social Security Act (hereinafter, the Act), the

GEORGIA DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

(Name of State Agency)

submits here a plan to provide, in appropriate cases, Prevention Services and Programs under title IV-E of the Act and hereby agrees to administer the programs in accordance with the provisions of this plan, title IV-E of the Act, and all applicable Federal regulations and other official issuances of the Department. This Pre-print is provided as an option for title IV-E agencies to use over the course of the five years that the Prevention Services and Programs Plan is in effect.

The state agency understands that if and when title IV-E is amended or regulations are revised, a new or amended plan for title IV-E that conforms to the revisions must be submitted.

Federal Regulatory/Statutory References ¹	Requirement	State Regulatory, Statutory, and Policy References and Citations for Each
Section 1. Services Description and Oversight		
471(e)(1)	<p>A. SERVICES. The state agency provides the following services or programs for a child and the parents or kin caregivers of the child when the need of the child, such a parent, or such a caregiver for the services or programs are directly related to the safety, permanence, or well-being of the child or to preventing the child from entering foster care:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT SERVICES. —Mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment services provided by a qualified clinician for not more than a 12-month period that begins on any date described in paragraph (3) of Section 471(e) with respect to the child. 2. IN-HOME PARENT SKILL-BASED PROGRAMS. — In-home parent skill-based programs for not more than a 12-month period that begins on any date described in paragraph (3) of Section 471(e) with respect to the child and that include parenting skills training, parent education, and individual and family counseling. 	<p>Georgia Title IV-E Prevention Plan – Section III: Title IV-E Prevention Services Description and Oversight Pages 10-20</p> <p>Child Welfare Policy Manual (CWPM): Support Services to Preserve or Reunify Families: 18.8 Title IV-E Prevention Services and Programs; Page 1, #3</p>
471(e)(5)(B)(i)	<p>B. OUTCOMES. The state agency provides services and programs specified in paragraph 471(e)(1) is expected to improve specific outcomes for children and families.</p>	<p>Georgia Title IV-E Prevention Plan – Section VI Evaluation Strategy and Waiver Request; Pages 26-45</p>
471(e)(5)(B)(iii)(I)(IV) 471(e)(4)(B)	<p>C. PRACTICES. With respect to the title IV-E prevention services and programs specified in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph 471(e)(1), information on the specific practices state plans to use to provide the services or programs, including a description of—</p>	<p>Attachment III</p> <p>Georgia Title IV-E Prevention Plan Section III – Prevention Services Description and Oversight; Pages 13-18</p>

¹ Statutory references refer to the Social Security Act. Regulatory references refer to Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the services or programs selected by the state, and whether the practices used are promising, supported, or well supported; 2. how the state plans to implement the services or programs, including how implementation of the services or programs will be continuously monitored to ensure fidelity to the practice model and to determine outcomes achieved and how information learned from the monitoring will be used to refine and improve practices; 3. how the state selected the services or programs; 4. the target population for the services or programs; 	<p>CWPM: Support Services to Preserve or Reunify Families: 18.8 Title IV-E Prevention Services and Programs; Pages 3-5</p> <p>Georgia Title IV-E Prevention Plan Section III – Prevention Services Description and Oversight; Pages 19-20</p> <p>Section VI – Evaluation Strategy and Waiver Request; Pages 33-45</p> <p>CWPM: Administration: 1.7 Monitoring, Reviews, Reporting and Independent Audits; Page 1, #3</p> <p>Georgia Title IV-E Prevention Plan Section III – Prevention Services Description and Oversight; Pages 10-13</p> <p>Georgia Title IV-E Prevention Plan Section II – Prevention Services Eligibility and Candidacy Identification; Pages 5-9</p>

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	<p>5. an assurance that each prevention or family service or program provided by the state meets the requirements at section 471(e)(4)(B) of the Act related to trauma-informed service-delivery (states must submit Attachment III for each prevention or family service or program); and</p> <p>6. how each service or program provided will be evaluated.</p>	<p>Attachment III</p> <p>Georgia Title IV-E Prevention Plan Section VI -Evaluation Strategy and Waiver Request; Pages 26-45</p>
Section 2. Evaluation strategy and waiver request		
471(e)(5)(B)(iii)(V)	<p>A. PRACTICES. With respect to the prevention family services and programs specified in subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph 471(e)(1), information on the specific practices state plans to use to provide the services or programs, including a description of how each service or program provided will be evaluated through a well-designed and rigorous process, which may consist of an ongoing, cross-site evaluation approved by the Secretary, unless a waiver is approved for a well-supported practice; and</p>	<p>Georgia Title IV-E Prevention Plan Section VI -Evaluation Strategy and Waiver Request; Pages 26-45</p> <p>CWPM: Administration: 1.7 Monitoring, Reviews, Reporting and Independent Audits; Page 1, #3</p>
471(e)(5)(C)(ii)	<p>B. REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF WELL DESIGNED, RIGOROUS EVALUATION OF SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR A WELL-SUPPORTED PRACTICE. The state must provide evidence of the effectiveness of the practice to be compelling and the state meets the continuous quality improvement requirements included in subparagraph 471(e)(5)(B)(iii)(II) with regard to the practice.</p>	<p>Attachment II</p> <p>Georgia Title IV-E Prevention Plan Section IV -Evaluation Strategy and Waiver Request; Pages 26-45</p>
Section 3. Monitoring child safety		

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471(e)(5)(B)(ii)	The state agency monitors and oversees the safety of children who receive services and programs specified in paragraph 471(e)(1), including through periodic risk assessments throughout the 12-month period in which the services and programs are provided on behalf of a child and reexamination of the prevention plan maintained for the child under paragraph 471(e)(4) for the provision of the services or programs if the state determines the risk of the child entering foster care remains high despite the provision of the services or programs.	<p>Georgia Title IV-E Prevention Plan Section V: Monitoring Child Safety; Pages 24-25</p> <p>CWPM: Case Management: 19.11 Safety Assessment; Page 1 #3(c), and Page 2, #4(e)(f) and #5(d)</p> <p>CWPM: Case Management: 19.13 Family Functioning Assessment; Page 1, #1-3</p> <p>CWPM: Case Management: 19.31 Prevention Plan; Page 2, #7 and #10</p> <p>CWPM: Family Preservation Services: 8.4 Case Evaluation; Pages 1-2, #1-4</p> <p>CWPM: Eligibility: 9.7 Eligibility for Title IV-E Prevention Services and Programs; Page 2, #8(a)(b)</p> <p>CWPM: Foster Care: 10.21 Expectant or Parenting Youth in Foster Care; Page 2, #13</p>
Section 4. Consultation and coordination		
471(e)(5)(B)(iv) and (vi)	<p>A. The state must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. engage in consultation with other state agencies responsible for administering health programs, including mental health and substance abuse 	Georgia Title IV-E Prevention Plan Section III: Title IV-E Prevention Services Description and Oversight – Pages 11-13

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	<p>prevention and treatment services, and with other public and private agencies with experience in administering child and family services, including community-based organizations, in order to foster a continuum of care for children described in paragraph 471(e)(2) and their parents or kin caregivers and</p> <p>2. describe how the services or programs specified in paragraph (1) of section 471(e) provided for or on behalf of a child and the parents or kin caregivers of the child will be coordinated with other child and family services provided to the child and the parents or kin caregivers of the child under the state plans in effect under subparts 1 and 2 of part B.</p>	<p>Georgia Title IV-E Prevention Plan Section VI -Evaluation Strategy and Waiver Request; Pages 42-44</p> <p>CWPM: Administration: 1.0 Administration of Child Welfare Services; Page 2, #6</p> <p>Georgia Title IV-E Prevention Plan Section IV: Child-Specific Prevention Plan; Page 23</p> <p>Georgia Title IV-E Prevention Plan Section III: Title IV-E Prevention Services Description and Oversight – Page 20</p> <p>CWPM: Administration: 1.0 Administration of Child Welfare Services; Page 2, #7</p> <p>CWPM: Support Services to Preserve or Reunify Families: 18.8 Title IV-E Prevention Services and Programs; Page 2, #4 NOTE</p>
<p>Section 5. Child welfare workforce support</p>		

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471(e)(5)(B)(vii)	The state agency supports and enhances a competent, skilled, and professional child welfare workforce to deliver trauma-informed and evidence-based services, including— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. ensuring that staff is qualified to provide services or programs that are consistent with the promising, supported, or well supported practice models selected; and B. developing appropriate prevention plans and conducting the risk assessments required under clause (iii) of section 471(e)(5)(B). 	Georgia Title IV-E Prevention Plan Section VII: Child Welfare Workforce Training and Support; Pages 46-49
Section 6. Child welfare workforce training		
471(e)(5)(B)(viii)	The state provides training and support for caseworkers in assessing what children and their families need, connecting to the families served, knowing how to access and deliver the needed trauma informed and evidence-based services, and overseeing and evaluating the continuing appropriateness of the services.	Georgia Title IV-E Prevention Plan Section VII: Child Welfare Workforce Training and Support; Pages 46-49 CWPM: Case Management 19.17 Service Provision; Pages 1-3
Section 7. Prevention caseloads		
471(e)(5)(B)(ix)	The state must describe how caseload size and type for prevention caseworkers will be determined, managed, and overseen.	Georgia Title IV-E Prevention Plan Section VIII: Prevention Caseloads; Page 50
Section 8. Assurance on prevention program reporting		
471(e)(5)(B)(x)	The state provides an assurance in Attachment I that it will report to the Secretary such information and data as the Secretary may require with respect to the provision of services and programs specified in paragraph 471(e)(1), including information and data necessary to determine the performance measures for the state	Attachment I

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	under paragraph 471(e)(6) and compliance with paragraph 471(e)(7).	
Section 9. Child and family eligibility for the title IV-E prevention program		
471(e)(2)	<p>A. CHILD DESCRIBED. —For purposes of the title IV-E prevention services program, a child is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A child who is a candidate for foster care (as defined in section 475(13)) but can remain safely at home or in a kinship placement with receipt of services or programs specified in paragraph (1) of 471(e). 2. A child in foster care who is a pregnant or parenting foster youth. 	<p>Georgia Title IV-E Prevention Plan Section II: Prevention Services Eligibility and Candidacy Identification; Pages 5-9</p> <p>CWPM: Eligibility: 9.7 Eligibility for Title IV-E Prevention Services and Programs; Pages 1-2, #1-8</p> <p>CWPM: Family Preservation Services: 8.1 Initiation of Family Preservation Services; Page 1, #2</p> <p>CWPM: Foster Care:10.21 Expectant and Parenting Youth in Foster Care; Page 1, #5 and Page 2, #14</p>

