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# **FACT/CAN Advisory Committee Citizen Review Panel – VDSS Updates**

**Division of Family Services – Prevention and Family First**

# VDSS Family Services – Prevention Interventions

## Virginia Plan to Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect

- Goal that all families, youth and children in Virginia are safe, healthy and nurtured, and have equitable access to resources and opportunities to thrive in their communities

## Thriving Families, Safer Children

- Coordinated effort to provide support for families along all points of the prevention continuum
- Collaboration amongst people who have lived experience, other community organizations, civic groups, and non-traditional service providers

## Multi-system alignment

- Family Services and Benefit Programs (SNAP, Child Care Assistance, Medical Assistance, etc.) to develop a more coordinated state system

# VDSS Family Services – Prevention Interventions



- Cultivating a Kin-First culture
- Office of the Children's Ombudsman (OCO) findings
- Alternate Living Arrangements (ALAs)
- Clear and consistent expectations regarding practice
- Enhancing data collection

# VDSS Family Services – Family First IV-E Prevention

## Virginia's Title IV-E Prevention Services Plan

- Amended 2023
- Evidence-Based Programs (EBPs)
- Federal Reporting

## Center for Evidence-based Partnerships (CEP-Va)

- Needs Assessment, Gaps Analysis
- Training and Community Outreach
- Fidelity Monitoring
- Evaluation

## Improved Practice

- Motivational Interviewing
- Child Welfare Information System Updates

## Community Pathways

- IV-E funds for primary and secondary prevention
- Upstream and outside of the child welfare system
- Early implementation phases