



VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES

DFS FAMILY FIRST UPDATE

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Family First Prevention Services Act

The vision for Family First is to keep children safe, strengthen families, and reduce the need for foster care whenever it is safe to do so.

In-Home Services

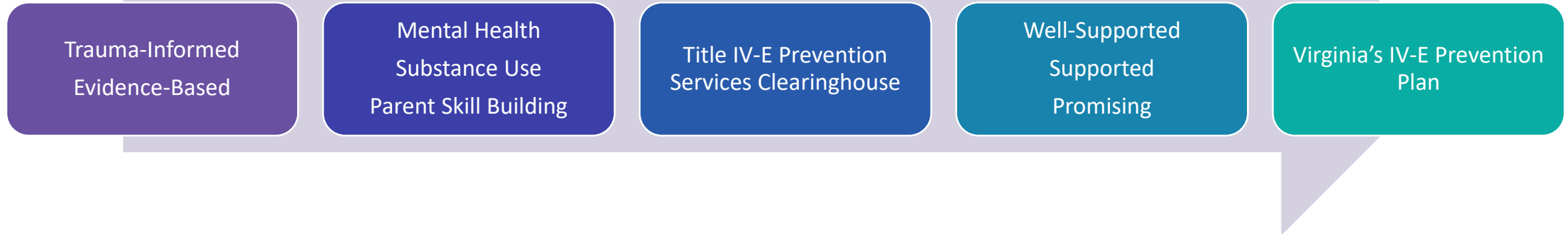
Kin First Culture

CPS Ongoing Practice

Prevention Practice

Family First
Legislation

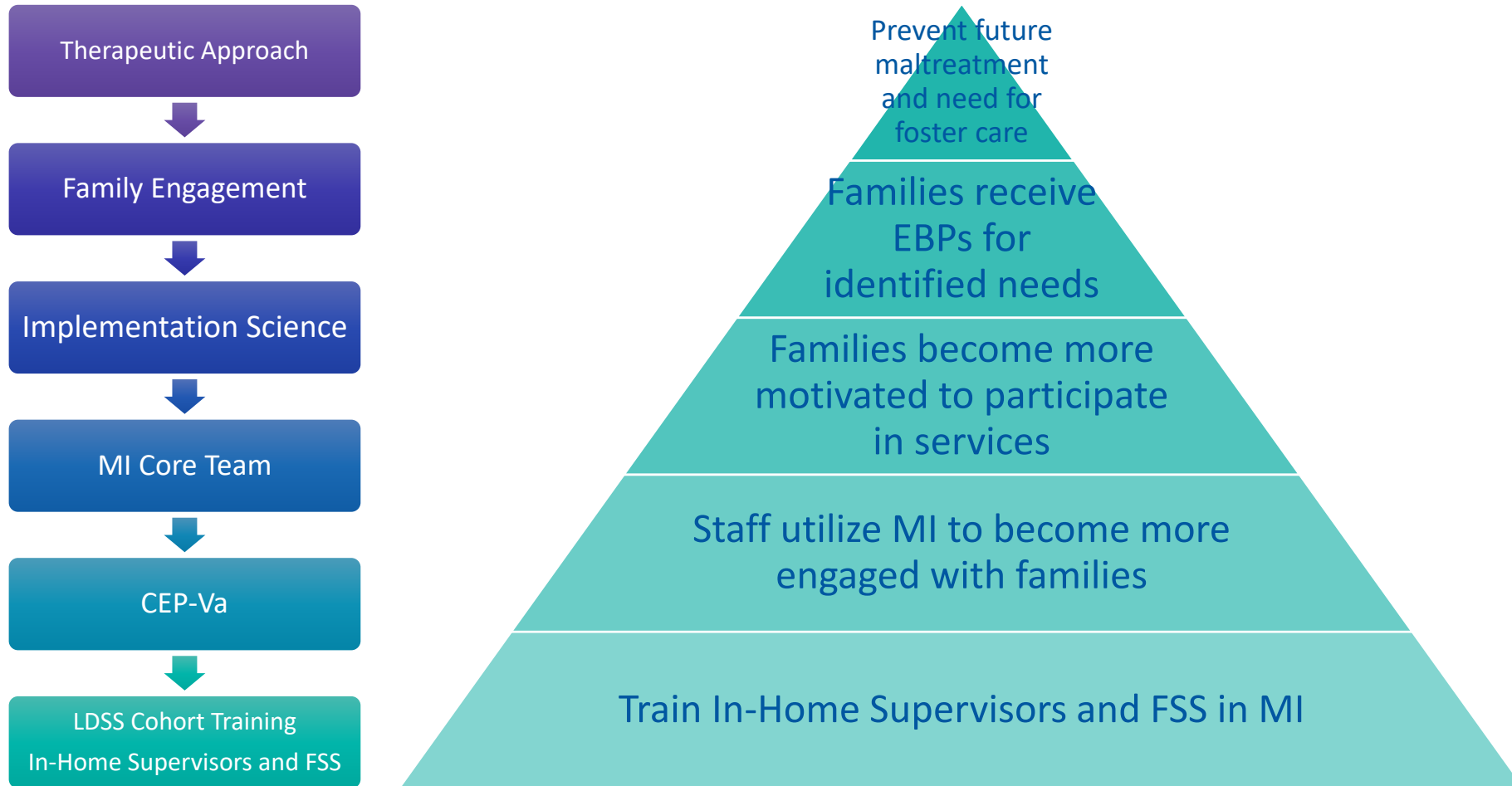
Family First: IV-E Prevention Services & VA's EBPs



Virginia's Approved EBPs

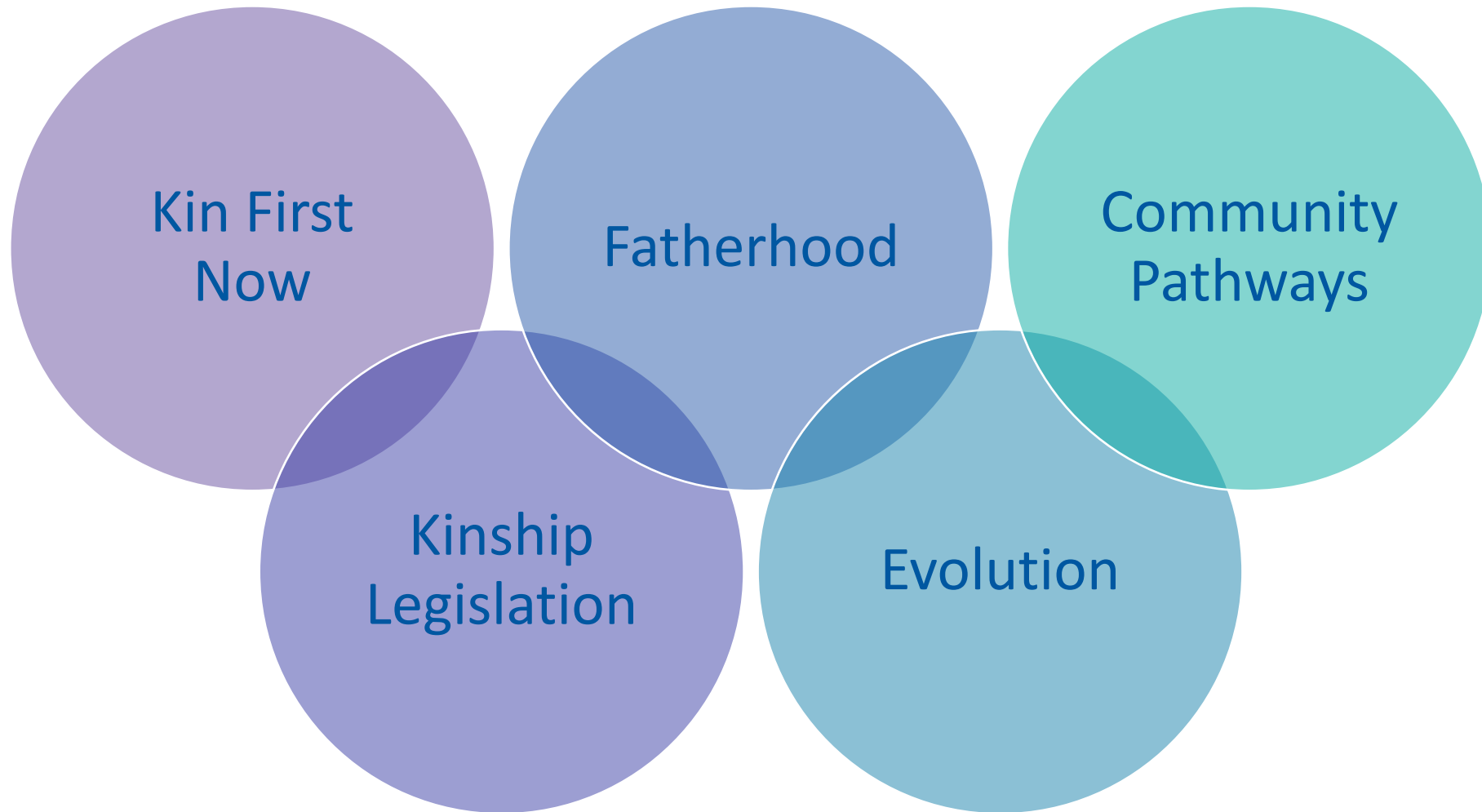


Motivational Interviewing



Family First and Beyond:

Partnering to Expand Prevention in Virginia



BENEFITS OF COMMUNITY PATHWAYS

Serves families **outside of the child welfare system**

Allows families to **voluntarily** receive prevention services by trusted providers in their community with no direct on-going child welfare involvement

Leverages federal **title IV-E funding** through Family First for the prevention services provided

Supports a **paradigm shift** to build community capacity to strengthen families upstream and prevent maltreatment & child welfare involvement

Promotes **collaboration across family-serving systems** to develop an integrated & more holistic network for families and communities

Alignments

VDSS Mission &
Vision

Virginia's
Children's Services
Practice Model

OKRs

CFSP

Virginia's 5 Year
Prevention Plan

Evolution