Our Vision for Family First Readiness Consultation

The Family First Prevention Services Act Opportunity

- Help reorient our child welfare system toward prevention and family stabilization
- Expand the use of licensed kinship and family foster homes when foster care is necessary

Readiness Support

 Provide individualized consultation to 20 new districts, for a total of 29 New York districts, to help them decrease their use of congregate care and increase their use of licensed kinship care and family foster care

Implementation of Family First Requirements

 Support the state and its districts in complying with not only the letter, but the family-centered and prevention-focused spirit of Family First by helping districts plan to meet new congregate care requirements, increase kin and foster family support and enhance their prevention service arrays

Our Theory of Change

Because we believe that

Reform must happen on a district level

Districts want to do what is best for the children and families they serve

Districts
benefit from
support to
break through
barriers to
drive positive
change

We are providing 29 districts with

Six months' of individualized, expert consultation focused on:

Data and fiscal analysis

Outcomesdriven strategic planning and project management

Leadership for change management

together with and Field-tested tools designed to clarify a district's baseline and system drivers for change Support to implement An actionneeded oriented planning changes and process for manage practice and toward policy outcomes improvements Opportunities for peer-to-peer learning and support

That will enable

districts to

move toward

Family First

Readiness

Child and family

outcomes:

A maximum of

12% of children

in foster care

placed in

congregate care

A minimum of

30% of children

in foster care

are in approved

relative homes

Our Guiding Questions: A logical framework

Goals

What do our data tell us about what needs to change and our readiness for change?

Purpose

What do we want to accomplish? Where do we need to focus?

Outputs

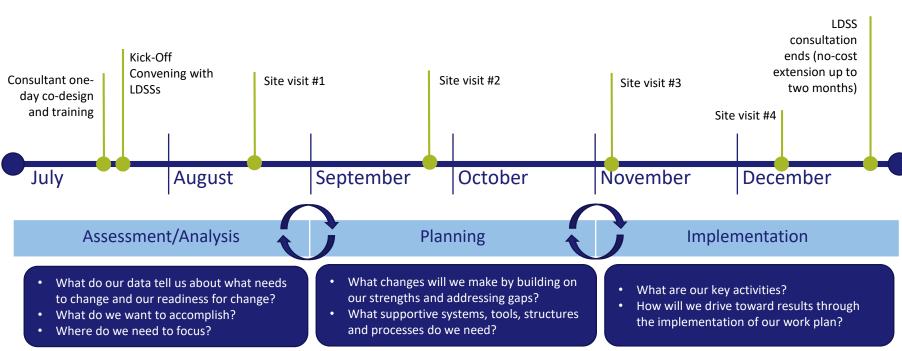
What changes will we make by building on our strengths and addressing gaps?

What supportive systems, tools, structures and processes do we need?

Activities

What are our key activities?
How will we drive toward results through the implementation of our work plan?

Our Proposed Timeline, Phases of Work and Tools



- OCFS data packets
- Foster family utilization review
- Placement Savings Forecaster
- Foster home pool analysis
- Policy review and analysis
- Business process mapping

- Smartsheet work plan template
- Strategy roadmap template
- Kinship process mapping

- Work plan management and execution
- Data collection
- Firewall policy examples
- Contract amendment language