

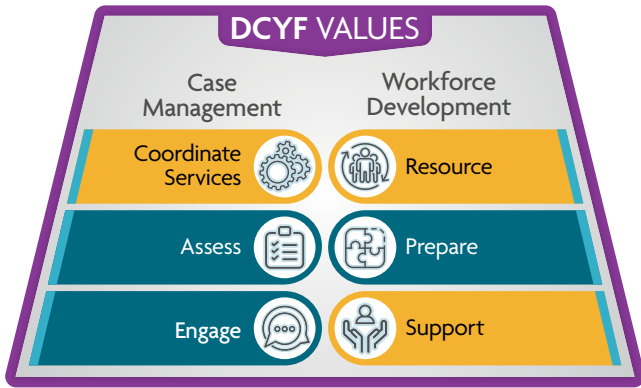
Thriving Families: Services Expansion

Keeping Families together or reunifying families sooner

Designed to assist with increasing service delivery across the state, centralizing and standardizing a system of provider availability and access that is robust, supportive, and culturally responsive. The Services Expansion Project supports the workforce and case management components of DCYF's Family Practice Model.



FAMILY PRACTICE MODEL FRAMEWORK



INCLUSION • RESPECT • INTEGRITY • COMPASSION • TRANSPARENCY

How will families be supported?

A robust in-home supportive services array is necessary to keep families together or reunify children with their families sooner that delivers both a contracted and community-based network of support.

How do we demonstrate we are prioritizing prevention?

The service array is designed to enhance parental and child resilience, and growth. Expansion within the service array will be targeted at preventing further system intervention and keeping children and youth safely with their families and in their communities.

How will staff be supported?

Staff will be provided an enhanced level of service array data, provider knowledge and availability, resources, and practice support by the Regional Service Leads and Service Array Consultants.

- ✓ Reform how foster care rates are assessed using available data combined with structured interviews with parents, youth, caregivers, and caseworkers.
- ✓ Develop a resource for staff to access/view available services statewide.
- ✓ Manage majority of the provider-facing interactions – facilitating real-time mediation and conflict resolution.
- ✓ Centralize and standardize service procurement – including the EBP contract packet application process and training.

How are we reducing disparities?

DCYF is building the service array to be responsive to the cultural needs of communities and families served. A cultural landscape analysis will be initiated in early 2023 to identify gaps in the current service array. DCYF is strengthening the array of prevention services for Black and Native families through two pilot service contracts.

*This project is part of the **Thriving Families** campaign, which is made up of multiple ongoing projects in the child welfare space. **Thriving Families** will allow DCYF to strengthen its work with children and families, and support staff. The campaign will improve outcomes for families by safely reducing the number of children in out-of-home placements, supporting families so children remain safely at home, placing children with kin if they cannot remain safely at home, and ensuring placements are safe, stable, and support permanency.*

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