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DATE: September 30, 2019

TO: Licensed Children's Residential Facilities
Licensed Child Placing Agencies

FROM: Tara Ragland, Director Division of Licensing Programs

SUBJECT: New Website-Family First Prevention Services Act

The Family First Prevention Service Act (Family First) was signed into law on February 9, 2018 and resulted in changes to the Title IV-E plan requirements. In order to ensure that everyone has the most accurate and up-to-date information about Family First, the Virginia Department of Social Services has developed a website about Family First. This website provides the status of Virginia implementation plans and available resources. The website is available at the following link: <http://familyfirstvirginia.com/>.

The resources link contains a downloadable implementation plan and a webinar for stakeholders and partners to educate others on the changes that are forthcoming. The Evidence-Based Programs page contains a link to the newly released Title IV-E Prevention Services Clearinghouse. Navigate to the Latest News to read about updates on the Three Branch Team's work and other exciting news.

Please share this website throughout your agencies and communities.