

Building Bridges Initiative (BBI) Technical Assistance Offerings to Support Oversight Agencies and Residential Programs with Ensuring Quality Implementation of Family First Prevention Services Act Opportunities for Residential Intervention

BBI offers residential stakeholders across the county a range of Technical Assistance (TA) offerings in many areas; three areas are specific to and consistent with Family First Prevention Services Act (Family First) expectations:

- 1) **Best Practices with Family Engagement** – relevant for all residential stakeholders, even those not focused on Family First.
- 2) **Best Practices with Aftercare** – relevant for all residential stakeholders; and
- 3) **Family-based Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (FRSAT)** – relevant for oversight agencies and adolescent residential programs looking to expand their service array to include this service which Family First allows reimbursement for the child’s room and board.

Please review pages two and three for more information about BBI’s TA offerings in each of the three above areas.

Our experience with BBI
has been awesome.
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Technical Assistance (TA) that BBI can offer Oversight Agencies and Residential Programs which is aligned with Family First requirements and best practice expectations

- A range of Technical Assistance (TA) Activities in the areas of *family engagement* and *aftercare* (e.g., on-site training programs; webinars; coaching calls; on-site program reviews; short or long-term quality improvement collaborations; review of oversight agency and/or residential program documents). These TA offerings will be individualized to the needs of the entities requesting the TA and can be provided to individual or groups of programs and/or to individual or multiple oversight agencies.

BBI’s long-term expertise in the areas of family engagement and aftercare can support residential stakeholders who are either implementing or have implemented Qualified Residential Treatment Programs (QRTPs) as part of their state’s Family First work OR are just interested, in aligning their residential practices overseen by different oversight agencies (e.g., child welfare; behavioral health; juvenile justice; education) with best practices supported by the research for improving long-term outcomes post-residential discharge..

- A range of TA Activities to support states and programs in implementing *Family-Based Residential Substance Abuse Treatment* (FRSAT) programs that are consistent with Family First requirements for Title IV-E reimbursement of the room and board for a child(ren) who is/are in out of home care and living with their parent based on the child’s case plan.

BBI worked for two years, with the support of the Annie E. Casey Foundation, to develop a range of TA Activities (with similar offerings in the above bullet) using nationally recognized FRSAT experts to support both state oversight agency and residential leaders in filling the gap for needed FRSAT programs in a geographical area, in transitioning from traditional adolescent residential to FRSAT programs, and/or in supporting the expansion of adolescent residential program’s service array to add this Family First allowed service.

- ✓ **To find out more about exploring BBI TA for family engagement, aftercare and/or FRSAT, contact:**

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