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To: Community Directors
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Subject: FSFN Quarter 3 Release 'Go Live' for FFPSA Federal Reporting

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform child welfare stakeholders of the Florida Safe Families Network (FSFN) enhancements scheduled for implementation on April 4, 2025. The FSFN system will be unavailable from 10:00 pm to 11:30 pm to deploy these enhancements.

BACKGROUND:

The Department of Children and Families initiated development activities within the FSFN Application to support the implementation of policy and practice changes that are associated with the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA). The development activities have been successfully completed and tested and the Office of Child and Family Well-Being is now ready to deploy this new functionality to the application's end users. These updates aim to enhance the way we manage and track family services under the new regulations. The key features of this update include:

1. Support for FFPSA Compliance:

- FSFN now includes tools and processes designed to ensure that our operations comply with the new FFPSA requirements. This includes tracking prevention services and ensuring that data collection and reporting are aligned with the federal guidelines.

2. Exceptions Report:

- A new Exceptions Report has been added to help identify any discrepancies or issues related to FFPSA compliance. This will be essential for tracking any data anomalies in practice and ensuring that we stay on course with policy implementation.

3. Federal Report:

- The system has been enhanced to generate the Federal Report, which is required for submission to federal authorities. The first submission of this report is due on May 15, 2025. The enhancements will ensure that the report accurately reflects all the necessary data points and supports timely, compliant submissions.

Training:

There is no training requirement for this enhancement.

If you have any questions regarding local readiness efforts, please contact your regional champion or CBC Contact at the following link: ["Regional Champions/CBC Contacts"](#).

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