

Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services

Child and Family Services Division



History and Purpose of Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Projects

Title IV-E funds are used to pay for costs of a child in foster care. They are not available to be used for services to prevent removal or for reunification services for a parent. A Child Welfare Waiver Demonstration Project can enable a state to use Title IV-E funds outside of the foster care costs restriction.

The federal Child and Family Services Improvement and Innovation Act (P.L. 112-34), which was signed into law on September 30, 2011, reauthorized the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to approve new child welfare Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Projects. The Waiver reauthorization does not provide additional funding. Instead, it allows more flexible use of federal Title IV-E funds to test new service delivery and financing approaches to improve outcomes for children and families involved in the child welfare system. HHS may approve up to 10 projects per year in federal fiscal years 2012 to 2014. Approved projects must be designed to accomplish one or more of the following goals:

- Increase permanency for all infants, children, and youth by reducing the time in foster placements when possible and promoting a successful transition to adulthood for older youth;
- Increase positive outcomes for infants, children, youth, and families in their homes and communities, including tribal communities, and improve safety and well-being;
- Prevent child abuse and neglect and the re-entry of infants, children and youth into foster care.

For more information on the CFSD Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration Project Application, please see:

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/cfsd/MontanaTitleIV-EChildWelfareDemonstrationProjectProposal.pdf>

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