

# Prevention Pilot Programs for Children & Families Overview

For Targeted Populations within Arkansas Medicaid

The Prevention Pilot Programs for Children & Families includes three programs designed to strategically prevent crisis by educating, supporting, and stabilizing children in need.

## PILOT OVERVIEWS

### Prevention, Stabilization, and Support Project for Young Children (PSSP-YC)

- Targeted population: Children birth through 6th grade who are at risk of losing their placement at home or their educational setting due to behaviors.
- Design: To proactively provide support for children and their families in their home, daycare, and schools and provide trained staff to immediately stabilize children in real time.

### Families in Transitions Team (FiTT)

- Targeted population: Children experiencing a major life transition such as entering foster care, being adopted, being discharged from a residential facility, etc.
- Design: To support children and families in crisis without requiring a diagnosis of mental illness and provide in-home, family to family peer support.

### Comprehensive Screening and Assessment for Children (CSAC):

- Targeted population: Children in Arkansas who are in need of assessment.
- Design: To develop and administer comprehensive screenings and assessments to properly identify the correct support for children and their families.

**“DHS is making a large shift to Prevention Services for the State. We need to do better at early detection and intervention.”**  
*-Kristi Putnam, DHS Secretary*

## KEY DETAILS

- Timeline: The pilots will run through March of 2025.
- Location: The pilots will serve children who are Medicaid recipients in pilot sites across the state of Arkansas.

## PILOT GOALS

- Prevent crisis
- Emphasize early, accurate diagnosis
- Provide the right care at the right time
- Prevent institutionalization or higher level of care
- Support children in their childcare sites, elementary schools, and homes
- Educate communities to support children in need



To learn more about PSSP-YC, FiTT, or CSAC please contact 501-684-7361.