

NOTICE TO PUBLIC
DCFS IV-E DEMONSTRATION PROJECT PROPOSAL
AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services proposes to conduct a Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration project to focus on the highly vulnerable population of very young children ages 0-3. The purpose of the proposed demonstration project is to build and test an effective policy and practice model that focuses on strategies designed to address the impact of early maltreatment and loss on very young children and promote healthy development and secure attachments. The intent is to implement an intensive concurrent planning process to expedite permanency, and to provide direct parent training and support, including therapeutic interventions when indicated, to address developmental effects of maltreatment, trauma and promote attachment with permanent caregivers. Specifically our demonstration project will address the areas of priority of the Department as follows:

- Producing positive well-being outcomes for young children by addressing trauma they experienced from abuse/neglect, and the secondary trauma and damage to attachments associated with removal and placement into substitute care utilizing developmentally targeted interventions;
- Enhancing the social and emotional well-being of children available for adoption by providing training and support to caregivers who may commit to adoption if they felt adequately prepared and supported, and by providing therapeutic intervention when necessary to facilitate the parent-child bond and thereby enhance healthy child development;
- Yielding more than modest improvements in the lives of children and families and contributing to the evidence base by implementing evidence-based therapeutic and parent support interventions, along with developing and practicing an intensive concurrent planning model;
- Leveraging the involvement of other resources and partners through the involvement of the early childhood development and therapeutic provider communities in the implementation of this project.

The full proposal will be available on the home page of the DCFS website (www.state.il.us/dcfs) after July 9, 2012 for citizens to review and submit written comments. If you wish to make comments, submit them in writing by August 9, 2012 to Frances.Cunningham@Illinois.gov.

Click on this link to view the proposal: [Illinois Waiver Proposal 2012 Final](#)