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Course Overview

Welcome to the FACES.NET Family First and Collaborative/Service Referral training. This course is designed to give staff members an understanding of the functions in FACES.NET creating Prevention Plans pertaining to Collaborative Case Transfer and Service Programs referrals. A FACES.NET Scenario has been constructed to mimic the way FACES.NET will be used for Social Workers to refer child and/or caretakers for prevention services with a Collaborative and/or Service Provider following the practice business process. This includes processes and functions related to connecting a child/family with the best service to benefit and address the child's overall needs within their home ward. Social Workers will also learn how to determine if child or caretaker meets Family First candidacy eligibility. In the classroom, staff will participate in a guided walkthrough of the FACES.NET scenario in order to practice activities.

Course Objectives

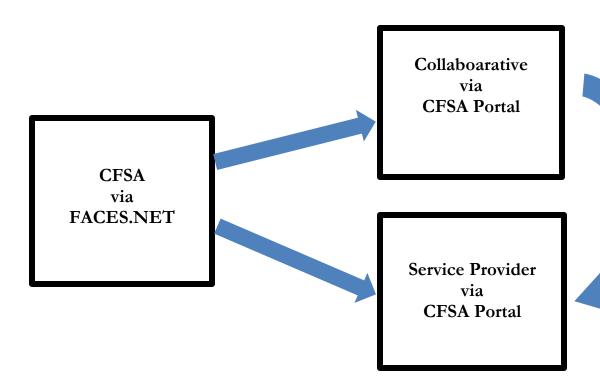
Upon completion of this course, the student will understand how CFSA Family First Collaborative and Service Plan referral business practice processes correlate with FACES.NET data entry. By giving students practice time in the classroom, they will build confidence in their ability to properly enter and access data in the FACES.NET system.

Remember that a system is only as good as the information it receives. "If it's Not entered in FACES.NET, it DIDN'T happen."

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Family First Initiative Referral Flow Chart

The flow chart below provides a high level overview of a child/family referral process flow from CFSA (via FACES.NET) to a Collaborative and/or a Service Referral for services. The flow chart also shows child/family referral process flow from a Collaborative (via CFSA Portal) to a Service Provider (via CFSA Portal) for services.



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- Service Provider Types
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Introduction

What is Family First?

The Family First Prevention Services Act (a.k.a. Family First) was signed into law by the President of the United States on February 8, 2018. This law allows for the amendment of certain foster care funding to be shifted to preventive care for children and families who are potential candidates of foster care placements albeit for community support services. The overall goal is to provide qualified community-based services to families with the goal of keeping families safely together, at home by strengthening and stabilizing families with the support services leveraged through new opportunities.

Enactment of the Family First Prevention Services Act provided and opportunity for CFSA to provide a foster care prevention strategy coupled with a broader primary prevention plan.



Practice Overview

Once it appears that preventative community services are needed to prevent out-of-home placement, the Social Worker should assess the parent and child's (ren) needs to determine appropriate community resources as well as determine candidacy for Family First through the development of a Prevention Plan. If continued community support is need after case closure, a referral for community services through a Collaborative can be completed. If support services are needed, a service referral can be completed. The goal is to maintain family cohesiveness and family well-being.

Family First candidacy eligibility status should not determine service referral options to families in need.

Planned community-based preventative services allow the Social Worker to assure the best possible service match for the parent and/or child and allows for the efficient delivery of services to ease any family stressors.

Social Workers are involved in planning for various community-based services during the casework process. For example, a parent may be referred to parenting class through a Collaborative, or a teenager, who becomes pregnant, may require a referral to a teen mother community program.

The Social Worker shall consult with his or her supervisor on all referral service requests. Assessment of the parent and/or child's needs is used to match with providers.

Service referrals are driven by the household structure as documented in the Referral or Case in FACES.NET on the Household screen.

What are Types of Service Providers?

Referral Service Provider Type and Service Options

CFSA offers follow-up preventative services through:

- 1. **Collaboratives** Neighborhood based service providers in the District of Columbia participating in the Healthy Families Thriving Communities. Collaboratives are catalysts to develop, nurture and sustain partnerships of residents, agencies, and institutions within their communities through which every child and family has an opportunity to achieve their maximum potential and to lead a productive life.
- 2. **Service Referral** A services process in which the practitioner combines well-researched interventions with clinical experience and ethics, and client preferences and culture to guide and inform the delivery of treatments and services.

How to Get Help

If you still have question after consulting this resource, please contact the FACES.NET Helpdesk. Helpdesk staff members are available from 8:00AM - 5:00PM every weekday to assist with FACES.NET and technical questions. The FACES.NET Helpdesk can be reached at (202) 434-0009.

SECTION 2: Record a Prevention Plan - Collaborative Case Transfer

- Navigate to Client Record
- Review Community Based Prevention Services History
- Identify Collaborative
 - Change Collaborative
- Identify Services
 - Family First Eligible
 - Family First Non-eligible
- Complete Case Transfer to Collaborative





Practice Overview

During this exercise example, Social Worker will transfer responsibility of the case to the appropriate Collaborative for case management and request appropriate services.

For this example, we will be using the FACES Case record.

Record a Community-Based Prevention Plan Service Referral

Create New Case Transfer Referral and Show History

This section will cover how to view details regarding history of Referrals.

After placing the Case record in Focus, follow the next set of steps.

Steps Include:

Step 1: Place cursor over the **Case** module, then click **Community Based Prevention Services**.

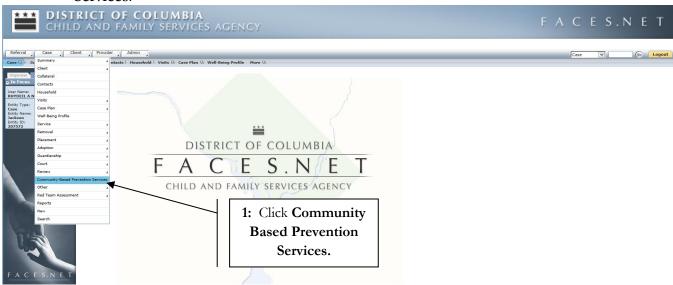


Figure 2.1

Step 2: Select **New Case Transfer Referral** to begin the referral to a Community-Based Prevention Services program.

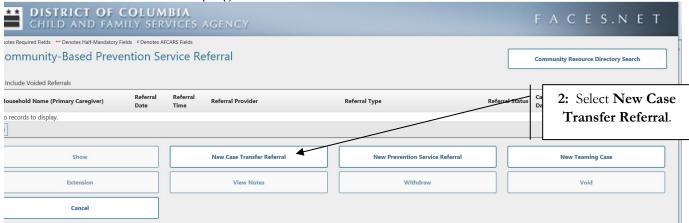


Figure 2.2



Notes:

- History screen will contain a history view of all previously saved or submitted Community-Based prevention services referrals.
- If a prior Household referral was never conducted, the inset grid with show "No records to display".
- From the History screen, new referrals can be created, or view previously saved or submitted referrals.
- Service referral based on the Household structure will display details on the inset grid regarding the Referral Date, Referral Time, Referral Provider, Referral Type, and the Referral Status.
- If more than one Household has been created for the family, and multiple saved or submitted referrals were made, all will display in inset grid.
- The system will automatically default to or highlight the most recent active household listing with a documented address, first.
- Only active Households can be select to begin the Case Transfer.
- Clicking the **Cancel** button will return to the previous screen.

Household List

This section will cover how to select the Household to be referred for Collaborative Community-Based services.

Steps include:

Step 3: Select Household from **Household List**.



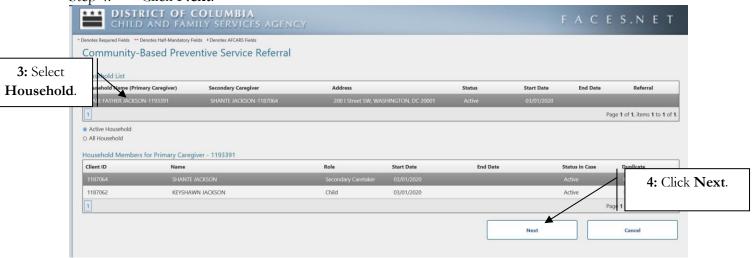


Figure 2.3



- If multiple Households have been created, and different children are listed in each, separate referrals for Community-Based Services must be completed.
- Radio button option is available to display Active Household(s) or All Household(s).
- Household Members will display based on Household selected from Household List.

Household and Eligibility Information and Request Services

This section will cover how to view Household member details, view Collaborative, view Assessments, determine Family First Eligibility, and Request Services.

Household and Eligibility section

Steps include:

- Step 5: Review Household **Primary Caregiver** and **Secondary Caregiver** (if applicable) general information.
- Step 6: Review designated **Collaborative** based on Primary Caregiver's primary address and ward information documented in FACES. See Addendum on how to **Change a Collaborative**. Only unit Supervisors/Managers may perform this function.
- Step 7: Click on either **View Assessments** hyperlink to access the Family First Profile document which lists the latest approved Risk Assessment (Referral Records), Risk Reassessment (Case Records), Caregiver Strengths and Barriers Assessment (CSBA),

Risk Assessment, Danger and Safety Assessment, and CAFAS/PECFAS. See Addendum for at the end of this section for example of the **View Assessment: Family First Profile** document.

- Step 8: Review Household **Child** member general information.
- Step 9: Enter **Eligibility Information** by selecting all picklist values which describes the child/youth at the current time. Select all applicable options. Family First eligibility is based on at least one selected option. See Addendum on how to select **Non-Family First Eligible Service** referral.
- Step 10: Select **Service Goals** from pick list. Select all applicable.

If needed, manually enter any additional **Other Service Goals** and **Relevant Family Information** in text boxes.

Step 11: Click **Requested Services** tab to enter specific recommended prevention services to the Collaborative on behalf of the caregiver(s) and child/youth.

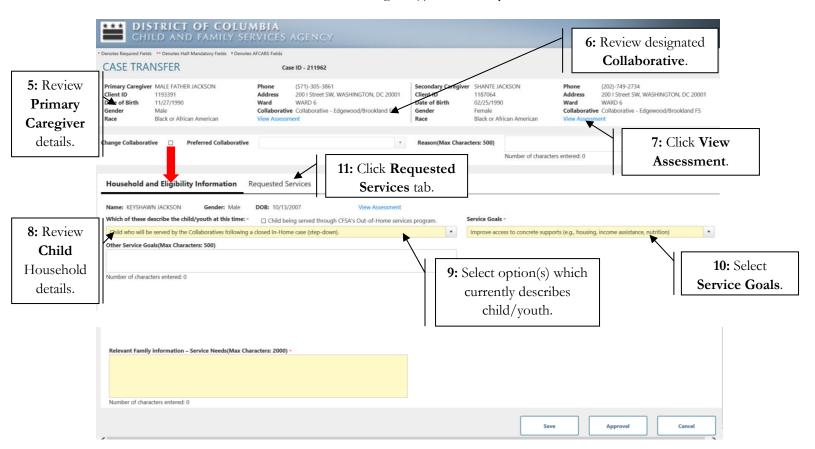


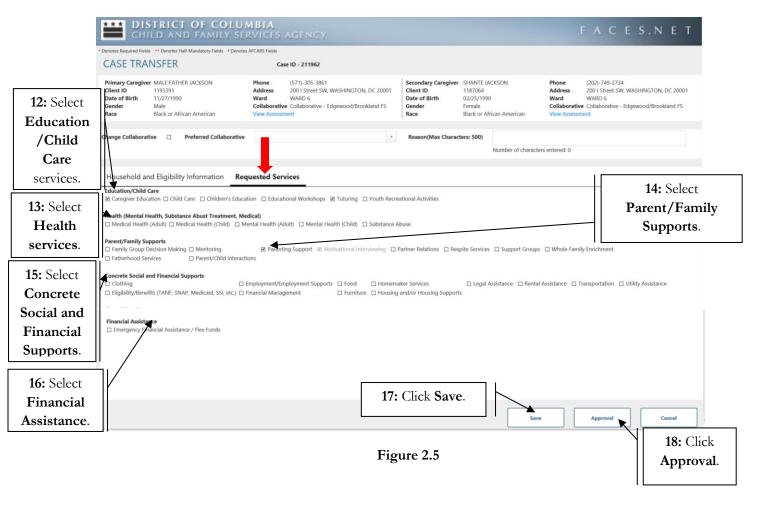
Figure 2.4

Requested Services section

This section will review an example of how to select service area to address child/caregiver needs.

Steps include:

- Step 12: Select **Education/Child Care** service needs.
- Step 13: Select **Health (Mental Health, Substance Abuse Treatment, Medical)** service needs.
- Step 14: Select **Parent/Family Supports** service needs. *Motivational Interviewing is a standard practice and service has been automatically selected for Collaborative service referrals.*
- Step 15: Select Concrete Social and Family Supports service needs.
- Step 16: Select **Financial Assistance** service needs.
- Step 17: Click the **Save** button to save the record.
- Step 18: Click the **Approval** button to request supervisory approval.



Step 19: Click **Yes** to acknowledge that consent and authorization from the client was received to complete the Collaborative referral. *This step may also include additional actions/documentation outside of FACES. Completed Consent Form should be uploaded to the FACES File Cabinet.*

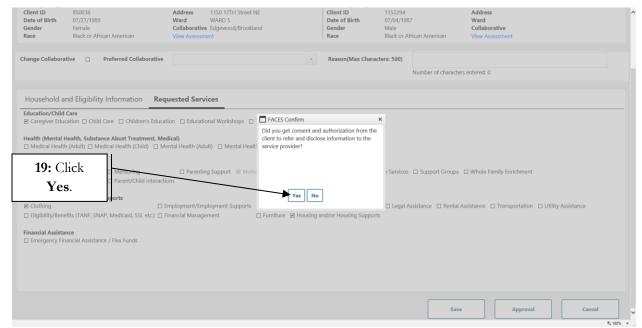


Figure 2.6

- Step 20: Select **Request** check box to request approval from supervisor.
- Step 21: Click **Ok**. Navigate back to Service Referral Screen.

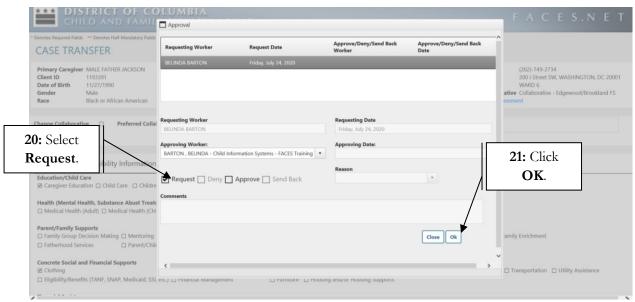


Figure 2.7

Upon Social Worker Request, The Collaborative **Referral Status** will be in **Draft** form until



Figure 2.8

Upon Supervisory Approval, Collaborative Referral Status will change to Referral in Progress.



Figure 2.9



Notes:

- Once the referral has been accepted by the identified Collaborative, the Collaborative **Referral Status** will change accordingly to the Collaborative business process flow.
- The FACES **Referral Status** will automatically update via a system link/interface with the CFSA Portal which is used by Collaboratives.

Addendum:

View Assessments: Family First Profile

This section will cover how to access and view the Family First Profile which includes the latest approved Caregiver Strengths and Barriers Assessment (CSBA), Risk Assessment, Danger and Safety Assessment, and CAFAS/PECFAS in FACES for family

For this example, the Risk Assessment will be used.

Steps include:

Step 1: Follow steps 1 - 7 above.

Step 2: Click **View Assessments** hyperlink. *Applicable assessments can be accessed for caregiver(s) and child.*

Step 3: View Family First Profile.



FAMILY FIRST PROFILE

Client Information				
Client: CAREGIVER NAVE	Client ID: 1193219		Member type: Primary Caregiver	
Social Worker: WORKER NAME	Supervisor: SUPERVISO	R NAME		
Social Worker: WORKER NAME Household Information Primary Caregiver: CAREGIVER NAME	Supervisor: SUPERVISO Client #: 1193		Date Of Birth: 09/27/199	
Household Information			Date Of Birth: 09/27/199	

Risk Assessment Date: 03/03/2020

estions		Neglect Score	Abuse Score
1. Current Rep	ort is for		
C	a. Neglect		
•	b. Abuse	0	
C	c. Both		
2. Prior investi	gations		
•	a. No	0	
C	b. Yes		
2a, Prior ne	glect		
•	a. None	0	
C	b. One		
C	c. Two		
C	d. Three or more		
2b. Prior ab	use		
æ	a. None	9	
C	b. One		
0	c. Two or more		
3. Household !	has previously received services (court or non-court involved)		
•	a. No	0	
c	b. Yes		
4. Number of	children involved in the current child abuse/neglect incident.		1
e	a. One, two, or three	0	8
0	b. Four or more		

5. Prior injury t	o any child resulting from child abuse/neglect		
e	a No	0	0
0	b. Yes		
8. Age of your	gest child in the home		
e	a. 2 or older	0	0
c	b. Under 2		
7. Characterist	ics of children in the household (check all that apply)		
	a. Medically fragile/failure to thrive		
	b. Positive toxicology screen at birth		
	e. Physical disability		
	d. Developmental disability		
	e. Delinquency history		
	f. Mental health/behavior problems		
\mathbf{Z}	g. None of the above	0	0
8. Primary care	etaker's assessment of incident (check all that apply)		
	a. Blames child		
	b. Justifies maltreatment of the child		
7	c. None of the above	0	0
9. Primary care	staker provides physical care consistent with each child's needs	9-31	
0	a. No		
e	b. Yes	0	0
10. Primary ca	retaker's characteristics (check all that apply)		
	a. Provides insufficient emotional/psychological support		
	b. Employs excessive/inappropriate discipline		
	c. Domineering ceretaker		
Z	d. None of the above	0	0

11. Primary caret	taker has a past or current mental health problem				
e	2. No				
C	b. Yes (check all that apply)				
	During the last 12 months				
	Prior to the last 12 months				
12. Primary carel	taker has past or current alcohol or drug problem (check all that apply)				
\mathbf{Z}	a. No	0	0		
	b. Alcohol (check all that apply)				
	During the last 12 months				
	Prior to the last 12 months				
	c. Drugs (check all that apply)				
	During the last 12 months				
	Pirior to the last 12 months				
13. Secondary of	aretaker has past or current aloohol or drug problem (check all that apply)				
6	a. No secondary care taker	0	0		
0	b. No				
0	c. Yes				
	Alcohol				
	During the last 12 months				
	Prior to the last 12 months				
	Drugs				
	During the last 12 months				
	Prior to the last 12 months				
14. Primary carel	taker has a history of abuse or neglect as a child				
c	a. No	0	0		
C	b. Yes				
15. Two or more	incidents of domestic violence in the household in the past year				
e	a.No	0	0		
c	b. Yes				
18. Housing (che	ck all that apply)	-			
	a. Current housing is physically unsafe				
	b. Homeless at time investigation began				
₹	o. Family has housing that is physically safe	0	0		
.07S		12	56		
	TOTAL RISK SCORE	0	1		

Negk	ot Soc	ore	Abus	e Soore	Soored	Risk Level
	X		0 - 1	□ 0 - 1	⊠	Low
			2 - 4	2 - 4		Moderate
100			5 - 8	5-7	300	High
-2			9+	B+	P-63	Intensive
	06		isk level to intensive.			
C Yes	6	No	Sexual abuse case where the	e maltreater is likely to hav	ve access to the child	victim.
C Yes	6	No	2. Non-accidental injury to a chi	ld under age two years.		
C Yes	0	No	3. Serious non-accidental physi	ical injury requiring hospita	al or medical treatmen	t
C Yes	0	No	4. Death (previous or current) o	f a sibling as a result of ab	ouse or neglect.	
C Yes	œ	No	5. Child or sibling has been diag	gnosed or is suspected as	failure to thrive.	
			NDE. If a discretionary override is ase risk one level and must docum		verride risk level, and	Indicate
	0	No	6. If yes, override risk level (ma	ark one):		
() Yes			Discretionary override reaso	n:		
C Yes	Revie	w/Appn	oval of Discretionary Override:	KATIE GRODIN		Date: 03/03/202

Figure 2.10

Change Collaborative (Supervisor/Manager function)

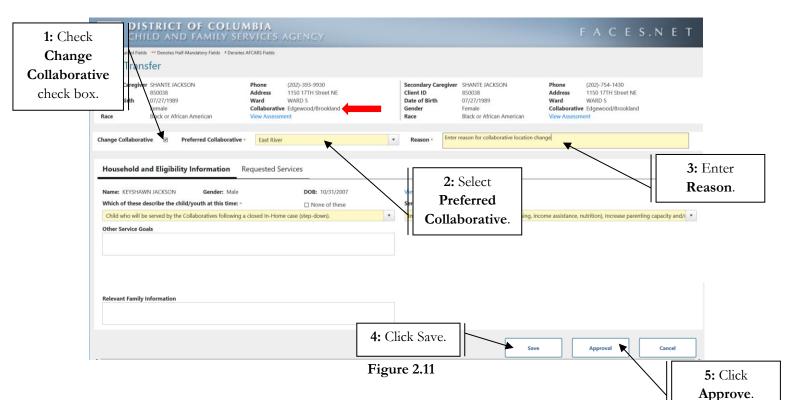
This section will cover how to change a Collaborative from the predefined Collaborative based on primary address.

Only Supervisors/Managers within the designated administration can complete this function.

Steps include:

First, Access Approval Request from Social Worker.

- Step 1: Place a check in the check box to **Change Collaborative**.
- Step 2: Select Preferred Collaborative from pick-list options.
- Step 3: Enter **Reason** for changing Collaborative.
- Step 4: Click Save.



Step 5: Click **Approve** to approve Collaborative referral.

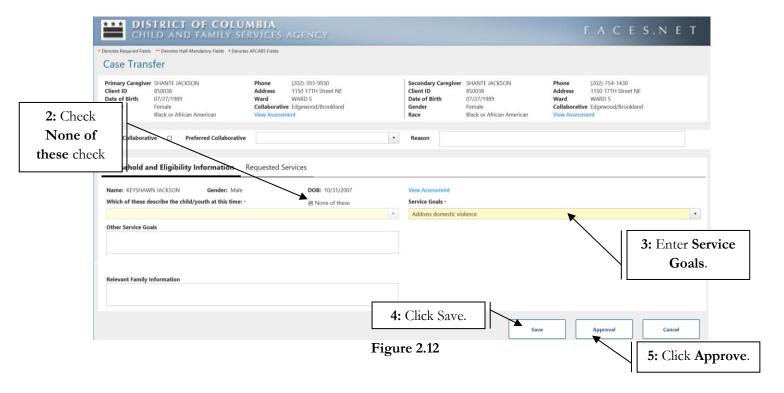
Creating a Non-Family First Eligible Services Referral

This section will cover how to refer a Non-Family First Eligible family to a Collaborative for services.

Steps include:

- Step 1: Follow steps 1 8 above.
- Step 2: Place a check in the **None of these** box to note that none of the pick list options are applicable to the question **Which of these describe the child/youth at this time**. Consequently, this will make the referral to the Collaborative a Non-Family First Eligible service referral.
- Step 3: Enter Service Goals from pick list.
- Step 4: Click Save.

Step 5: Click **Approve**.



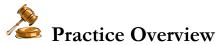
SECTION 3: Prevention Service Referral

Performance Objectives

In this Section, you will gain confidence in your ability to:

- Navigate to Client Record
- Review Services History
- Order Service(s)
 - Community Prevention Services Referral
 - Create a Service Plan
 - Determining Eligibility: Prevention Service Description and Exclusionary Criteria
- Withdraw a Prevention Service Referral





During this exercise example, Social Worker will order services through a Service Referral. Only one Service Plan can be created per referral. However, multiple family members can access services through that referral request. Service Plans require reauthorization after one year (from the date supervisor approved service request). Service Referrals can be ordered through the Community Based Prevention Services screen or through the Service Plan under the Case Plan screens

For this example, we will be using the Community Based Prevention Services screen to request Substance abuse services for mother and child clients.

Record a New Prevention Service Referral

After placing the Case record in Focus, follow the next set of steps.

Steps Include:

Step 1: Place cursor over the **Case** module, then click **Community Based Prevention Services**.

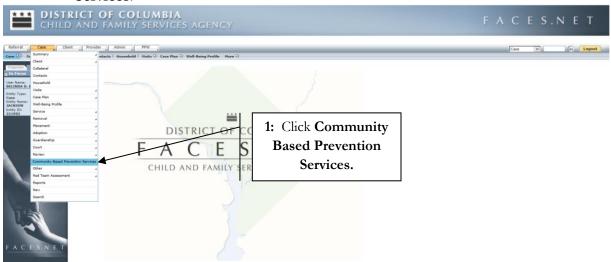


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This section will cover how to view details regarding history of Referrals.

Step 2: Select **New Prevention Service Referral** to begin the referral to a Service Program for services.



Figure 3.2



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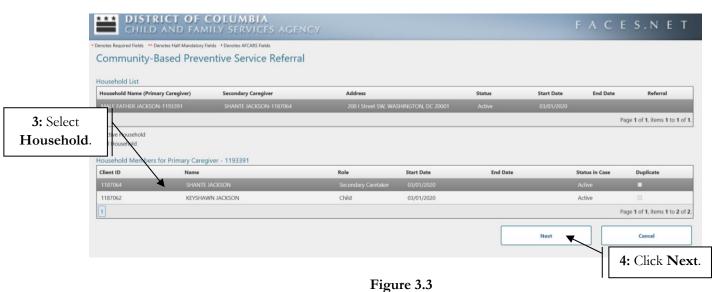
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- Service referral based on the Household structure will display details on the inset grid regarding the Referral Date, Referral Time, Referral Provider, Referral Type, and the Referral Status.
- If more than one Household has been created for the family, and multiple saved or submitted referrals were made, all will display in inset grid.
- The system will automatically default to or highlight the most recent active household listing with a documented address, first.
- Only active Households can be select to begin the services referral.
- Only one service request can be ordered per referral. Multiple clients can be recipients of that service.
- If more than one service is needed, an additional separate Service Plan referral must be ordered.

Household List

This section will cover how to select the Household to be referred for services.

Steps include:

- Step 3: Select Household from **Household List**.
- Step 4: Click **Next**.



Notes:

- If multiple Households have been created, and different children are listed in each, separate referrals for Community-Based Services must be completed.
- Radio button option is available to display Active Household(s) or All Household(s).
- Household Members will display based on Household selected from Household List.

Prevention Services Information (Service Description, Eligibility, and Exclusionary Criteria)

This section will cover how to view prevention service details, determine eligibility, and display exclusionary criteria for service category.

Selecting Prevention Service Section

Steps include:

- Step 5: Review Household **Primary Caregiver** and **Secondary Caregiver** (if applicable) general information.
- Step 6: The designated **Collaborative** will display based on Primary Caregiver's primary address and ward information documented in FACES.
- Step 7: Click on either **View Assessments** hyperlink to access the Family First Profile document which lists the latest approved Caregiver Strengths and Barriers Assessment (CSBA), Risk Assessment, Risk Reassessment, Danger and Safety Assessment, and CAFAS/PECFAS. See Addendum for example of the **View Assessment: Family First Profile** document.
- Step 8: Review Household **Child** member general information.

- Step 9: Enter information by selecting all picklist values which describes the child/youth at the current time. Select all applicable options. Eligibility is based on needs of client and prevention service type selected. System will prompt if there are eligibility concerns. Override option is available with justification.
- Step 10: Select **Service Goals** from pick list. Select all applicable.

If needed, manually enter any additional **Other Service Goals** and **Relevant Family Information** in text boxes.

- Step 11: Enter **Relevant Family Information Service Needs**. Document narrative notes in text.
- Step 12: Click **Requested Services** tab to enter specific recommended prevention services to the Collaborative on behalf of the caregiver(s) and child/youth.

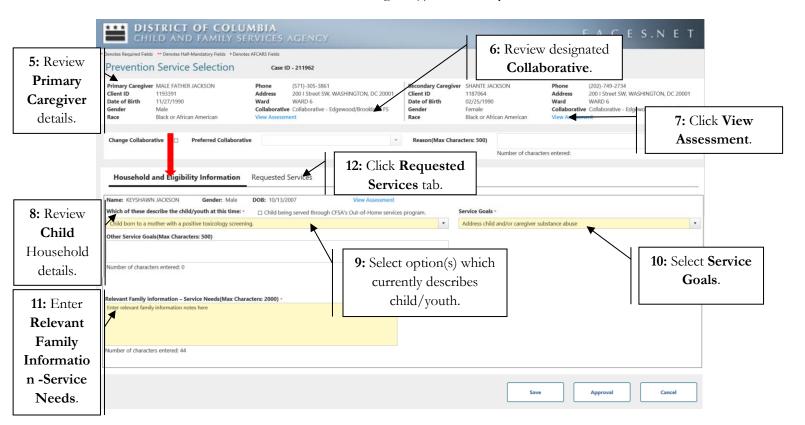


Figure 3.4

Request Service Section:

This section will review an example of how to request specific services. Prevention Service Description and Exclusionary Criteria will be available to determine if the selected client is appropriate for the selected service.

Steps include:

- Step 13: Select **Service Category** radio button **Substance Abuse**.
- Step 14: Select **Service For** radio button **Both**.
- Step 15: Click **Search**. A listing of potential available service(s) will display.

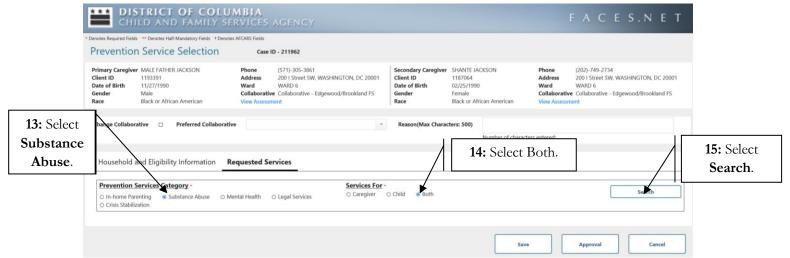


Figure 3.5

Step 16: A list of potential prevention service providers will display, **Click icon** next to each listed. An informational page will pop-up displaying detailed information about the provider including inclusionary and exclusionary factors.

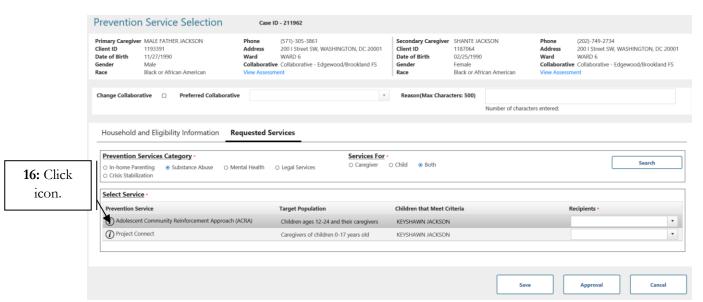


Figure 3.6

- Step 17: Review details regarding the Service Provider including inclusionary and exclusionary factors.
- Step 18: Click on **X** to exit and return to Prevention Service Selection page.



Figure 3.7

- Step 19: Select **Recipients** name(s) from picklist for chosen service.
- Step 20: Select Yes or No to the Exclusionary Criteria question.
- Step 21: Select the Prevention Service location and contact information.
- Step 22: Click Save.
- Step 23: Click **Approval** to request supervisory approval.



Notes:

- Selecting No means that there are not any concerns regarding client's clinical appropriateness to participate in the selected service type.
- Selecting Yes means that there is at least one contradicting factor which is suggesting that the client may not be appropriate to participate in the selected service type. However, justification to continue with service referral can be requested. See Figure 3.9 excerpt

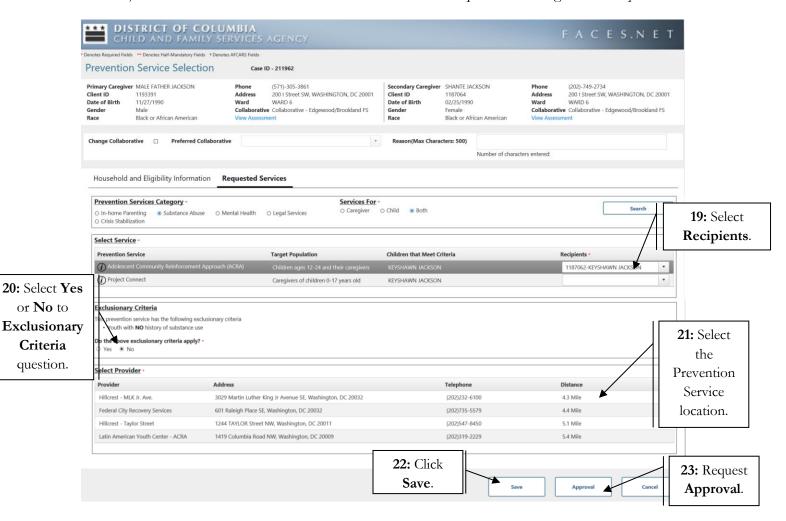


Figure 3.8

Excerpt: Exclusionary Criteria

If **Yes** is selected, **Justification** for continuing with service request is needed

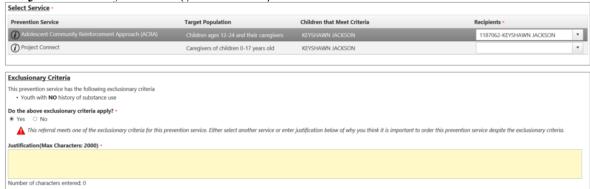


Figure 3.9

Step 24: Click **Yes** to acknowledge completion of Consent and Authorization form. The completed Consent Form should be uploaded to the FACES Referral or Case record File Cabinet. Referral will be in Draft

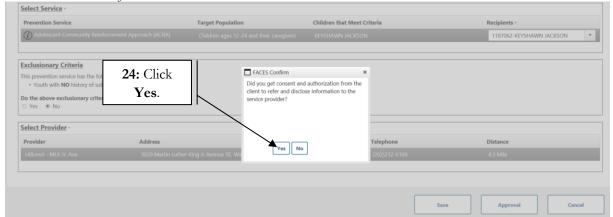


Figure 3.10

Upon Social Worker's request, the referral will be in Draft and grey-out pending supervisory approval

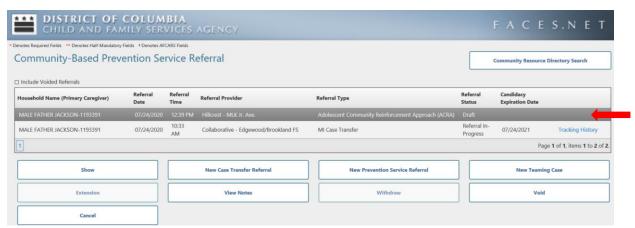


Figure 3.11

After Supervisory approval, the Service Referral Status will change to **Service Requested** along with **Tracking History** option.

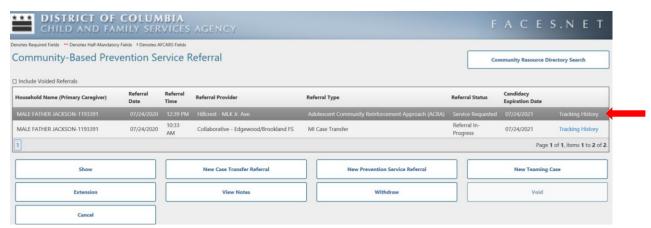


Figure 3.12



- FACES.NET interfaces with the CFSA Portal application
- Service Providers will access service request electronically through the CFSA Portal.
- Direct communication and coordination between the CFSA Social Worker and Service Provider required.

Withdrawing a Prevention Service Referral

This section will review how to withdraw a referral for prevention services. A prevention service referral can be withdrawn at any phase of the referral process <u>prior to being accepted</u> by the prevention service provider.

Steps include:

After navigating to the Community Based Prevention Service Referral screen,

Step 1: Highlight the applicable service to be withdrawn, then click the **Withdraw** button.

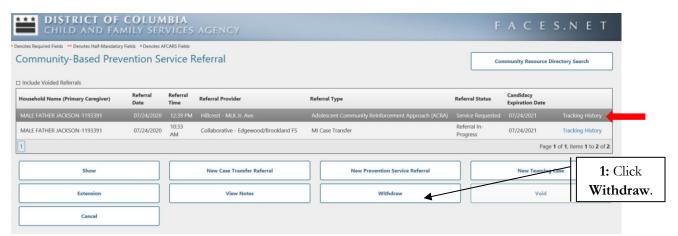


Figure 3.13

Step 2: Click **Yes** to the message confirming withdrawal of the prevention service referral.

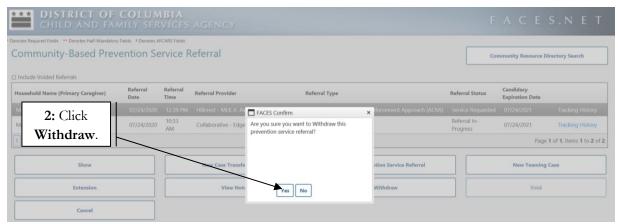


Figure 3.14

Status will display Referral Withdrawn. Step 3:

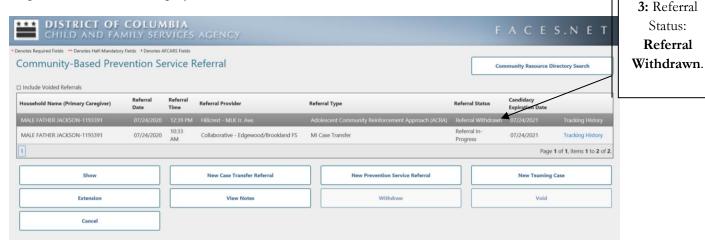


Figure 3.15

3: Referral

Status: Referral

SECTION 4: New Teaming Case Referral

Performance Objectives

In this Section, you will gain confidence in your ability to:

- Navigate to Client Record
- Create a Teaming Referral
- Document Teaming Notes



Record a New Teaming Case Referral and Teaming Notes



Practice Overview

The new Case Teaming functionality will allow for shared case work between the CFSA/Private Agency case carrying social worker and the Collaborative worker. Unlike the Case Transfer where the case management responsibilities will transfer to the Collaborative agency via Case Transfer functionality and closed in FACES, the Teaming case will remain open in FACES and the CFSA Community Portal until further disposition. Collaborative worker's Teaming Notes are accessible through FACES.NET.

The Collaborative worker will create notes within the CFSA Community Portal which will detail case collaboration and family progress details. Teaming notes entered within the CFSA Community Portal by Collaborative worker will automatically populate to FACES for CFSA/Private Agency case carrying social worker to view. These Teaming Notes will be in FACES.NET under the Community-Based Prevention Services screen under the **View Notes** section.

The following sections will include steps to creating a Teaming Case via FACES.NET.



Pointers to Remember:

- 1. The CFSA Case will remain open in FACES.NET and the CFSA Community Portal during the Teaming process.
- 2. CFSA/Private Agency assigned social worker will be able to view Teaming Notes in FACES.NET for notes entered through the CFSA Community Portal by the Collaborative worker.
- 3. Teaming notes should **only** be documented in FACES.NET and the CFSA Community Portal.
- 4. The FACES.NET Household screen must be active.

How to create a New Teaming Case

Steps include:

First, place case in Focus

Step 1: Hold cursor over Case then Click Community-Based Prevention Services screen.

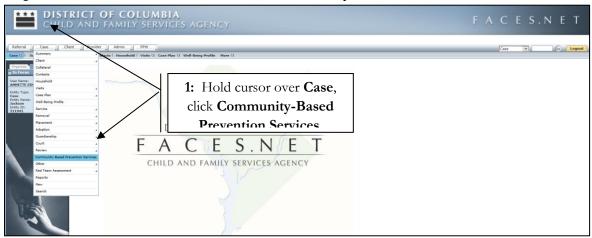
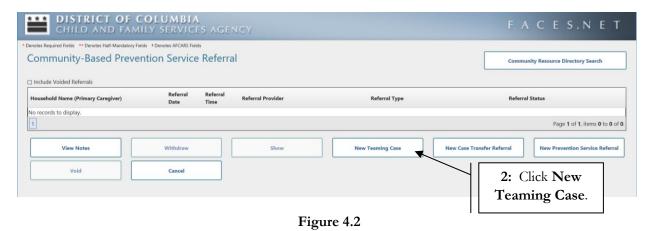


Figure 4.1

Step 2: Click New Teaming Case button.



Step 3: View and confirm Household data. Click **Next** button.



Figure 4.3

Step 4: Complete applicable data on both the **Household and Eligibility Information** and **Requested Services** tabs.

Step 5: Click Save.

Step 6: Request Approval.

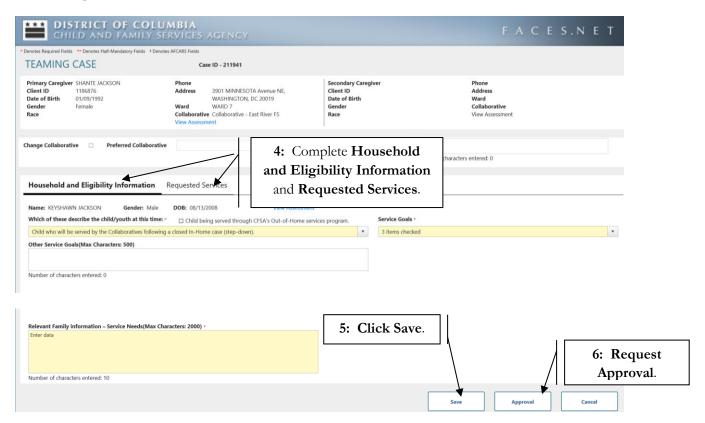


Figure 4.4



Notes:

- Upon Supervisory Approval, the New Teaming referral will automatically populate to the CFSA Community Portal, and the assignment to the Collaborative will be generated.
- Status of referral will be noted under the Tracking History.

How to View Notes

Steps include:

First, place case in Focus

Step 1: Hold cursor over **Case** then Click **Community-Based Prevention Services** screen. *See Figure 1*

Step 2: Click View Notes button.



Figure 4.5

Step 3: View Teaming Case Notes.

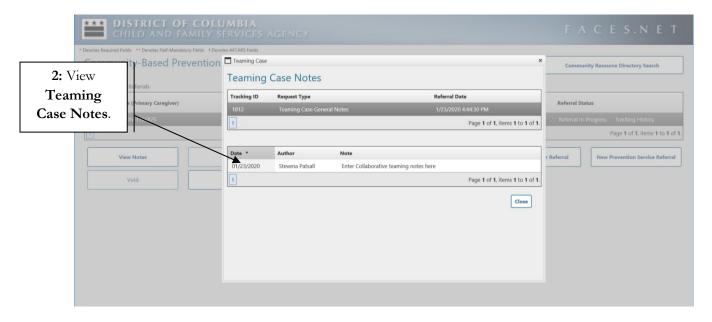


Figure 4.6

SECTION 5: Prevention Plan Candidacy Extension Request

Performance Objectives

In this Section, you will gain confidence in your ability to:

- Prevention Plan Extension
- Justification Documentation



Request a Candidacy Extension



Practice Overview

Approved Prevention Services are allowable for up to 1-year days from the supervisory approval date and from the first instance when services were requested for a household – which is whenever an in-home case or CPS referral is created. As candidacy gets extended through approval of extension requests, the Candidacy Expiration Date will update for all clients of the household and across all plans

FACES allows users to extend candidacy dates for the clients receiving prevention services through Family First program. Emails will be sent to users when a request is requested for approval, approved, or denied.



Pointers to Remember:

- 1. The Candidacy Expiration Date column will populate with the latest expiration date for the plan.
 - a. Note: The first expiration date starts at 1 year (12 Months) from the <u>first</u> instance when services were requested for a household which is whenever an in-home case or CPS referral is created. As candidacy gets extended through approval of extension requests, the Candidacy Expiration Date will update for all clients of the household and across all plans
- 2. If the latest candidacy expiration date is within 30 days from the current date, then the Candidacy Expiration Date populated in the grid will display in Red and remain in red, if expired.
- 3. For FACES, a batch process will trigger an email to social workers providing notification of prevention plans nearing expiration.
- 4. The Candidacy Extension screen will include the following:
 - a. Household Members for Primary Caregiver Grid of children within the household
 - b. Extension Request History Grid of historical extension requests against this specific tracking ID.
- 5. A user cannot request for candidacy extension if there is an existing "Pending" request. The New button will be disabled if there is already an existing "Pending" extension request.
- 6. Supervisors can approve or deny request for extension.

The following sections will include steps to creating a Candidacy Extension request.

Steps include:

First, place case in Focus

Step 1: Hold cursor over Case then Click Community-Based Prevention Services screen.

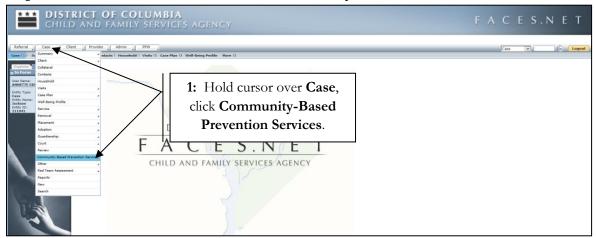


Figure 5.1

Step 2: Click the **Extension** button.

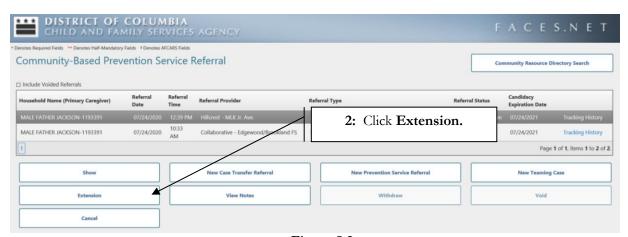


Figure 5.2

Step 3: Click New.

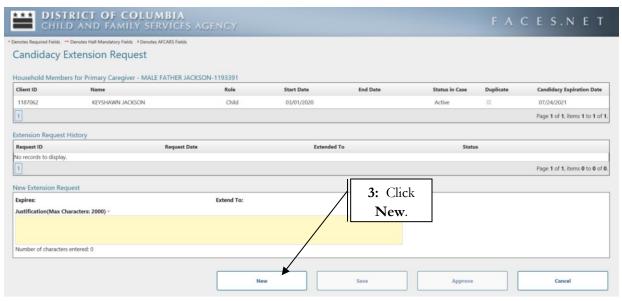


Figure 5.3

Step 4: Enter the **Justification for the Extension Request** in the **Justification** textbox. The following language <u>must be manually entered in the Justification text box using the specific language below.</u> This standard language should be included in the justification for all In-Home unit plan renewals.

"All the children in this household are served through CFSA's In-Home Services program, which offers intensive case management and service referrals to families."

Step 5: Click Save.

Step 6: Click **Approval** to request supervisory approval.

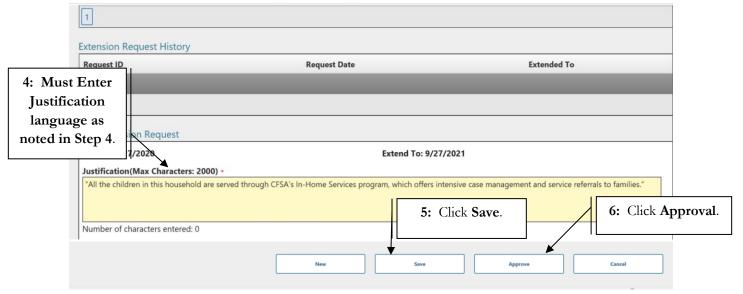


Figure 5.4



Notes:

- When the social worker/user submits a Candidacy Extension Request for supervisory
 approval, the system will send an automatic email alert to approving supervisor as
 notification that a prevention service extension is being requested.
- When a supervisor approves or denies a Candidacy Extension Request, the system will send
 an automatic email alert to the requesting social worker/user to notify of the status of the
 request.
- Post-approval of a candidacy extension request, the Candidacy Expiration Date column of the Household grid for all clients in the plan will update with the new Candidacy Expiration.
 - o If the client is included in other plans, the new Candidacy Expiration Date would reflect for that client as well on the Candidacy Extension Request screen
- Post-approval of a candidacy extension request, the Candidacy Expiration Date column of the Community-Based Prevention Service Referrals grid on the landing page will update to reflect the new Candidacy Expiration Date for all applicable referrals/plans.