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Leveraging Technology for FFPSA Prevention Services

A Modern Approach



Introduction

The **Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA)** represents a transformative shift in child welfare. This groundbreaking legislation prioritizes prevention to keep families together and reduce reliance on foster care. It allows states to use Title IV-E funds for prevention services, enabling them to provide mental health services, substance abuse treatment, and in-home parenting support to keep children safely with their families and prevent the need for foster care. To align with this shift, state agencies and private providers require **modern, data-driven solutions** that facilitate **efficient service referrals, real-time tracking, and robust federal reporting**.

Binti's Service Referral Management Module is a **Software-as-a-Service (SaaS)** solution to support child welfare agencies when implementing FFPSA's prevention goals. Streamlining service referrals, tracking outcomes and program fidelity, and automating reporting for reimbursement, this system helps agencies leverage federal funding effectively while maintaining compliance with FFPSA regulations.

The Challenge: Coordinating Providers and Managing Referrals

Traditional child welfare systems are **fragmented**, relying on **manual processes, siloed data, and limited interoperability** between agencies and service providers. FFPSA requires a modern system that helps agencies **work together, stay accountable, and focus on prevention**.

Key challenges include:

- **Lack of a Closed-Loop Referral System:** Agencies and providers operate on separate systems, making it difficult to **refer families efficiently, track provider responses, and ensure follow-through**.
- **Limited Outcome Tracking:** Agencies struggle to measure the effectiveness of prevention services and their impact on reducing foster care placements.
- **Compliance Complexity:** Manual documentation and reporting create barriers to meeting federal requirements and securing IV-E reimbursement.
- **Delayed Service Delivery:** Without automation, families may experience delays in receiving critical prevention services.

A **technology-driven approach** is essential to overcoming these challenges. A robust prevention module **integrates workflows, automates reporting, and ensures seamless service referrals**, making tracking and managing services in real time easier for agencies.



The Cost of Underutilized FFPSA Funding

Many Title IV-E prevention funds remain **unclaimed** due to **tracking, reporting, and eligibility verification inefficiencies**. Because **federal compliance** is complicated, many states miss millions of dollars in **prevention services**.



The Financial Gap

- In Fiscal Year 2023, 87% of FFPSA prevention spending occurred in only **ten states**¹
- Only 25 states (plus DC) had claimed at all, leaving **15 states with zero spending**.¹
- Administrative burdens and **data silos** contribute to **slow or incomplete claims submissions**, delaying the return of funds that could be reinvested in **child and family prevention services**.

How Binti Maximizes Available Funding with a Closed-Loop Referral System

Binti's Service Referrals and Prevention Module is designed to help states **fully leverage FFPSA funds** by ensuring that every eligible service is **tracked correctly, documented, and reported** for reimbursement. Key benefits include:

- **Streamlined Title IV-E Claims Processing** – Ensures every **eligible prevention service** is **documented and ready for reimbursement**.
- **Real-time Cost Reporting & Compliance Alignment** – Tracks **prevention expenditures and funding sources**, ensuring accurate federal claims.
- **Comprehensive Family Engagement** – The **Family Portal** empowers families to access services, track referrals, and complete documentation independently.
- **Seamless XML Exports for Federal Reporting** – Automates federal reporting by generating required data exports in the correct format.
- **Interoperability & System Integration** – Connects public agencies, providers, and families on a unified platform to **eliminate silos**.
- **Closed-Loop Referral System** – With Binti, agencies can **refer families, track responses, and confirm providers' complete services**.
- **Data-Driven Decision Making** – Provides **real-time insights** into prevention service utilization, capacity, fidelity, and outcomes, to help states make **informed funding and policy decisions based on what is working for children and families**.

By eliminating **manual errors and delays**, Binti ensures that states **maximize their available funding**, prevent **missed reimbursement opportunities**, and reinvest those funds into **expanding and improving prevention services**.



Binti's Leadership in Prevention Software

Binti is the pioneer in developing software specifically designed for child welfare and FFPSA prevention services. While many child welfare systems focus on case management or licensing, Binti is the **first platform to centralize prevention services, streamline provider collaboration, and automate FFPSA compliance tracking.**

As the **first prevention-focused software solution in child welfare**, Binti offers a groundbreaking approach to helping agencies maximize funding, reduce administrative burdens, meet federal CQI requirements for monitoring fidelity and outcomes, and ensure children receive needed services faster.

Implementation and Scalability of Binti's Service Referral Management Module

Binti's Service Referral Management Module is designed for seamless integration into existing state systems, ensuring a smooth transition and scalable deployment across various jurisdictions.

Implementation

Assessment and Customization: Binti collaborates with state agencies to assess current systems and customize the module to meet specific needs and compliance requirements.

Data Migration: Ensuring secure and accurate transfer of existing data into the new system to maintain continuity and integrity.

Training and Support: Providing comprehensive training programs for staff and ongoing support to facilitate user adoption and proficiency.

Scalability

Modular Architecture: The system's modular design allows for easy scaling to accommodate varying caseloads and the addition of new services or programs.

Cloud-Based Infrastructure: Leveraging cloud technology ensures the system can handle increased demand without compromising performance or security.

Conclusion

FFPSA is a landmark shift in child welfare policy, emphasizing preventative services over out-of-home placements. To fully realize its potential, **states must adopt modern, data-driven solutions that enable seamless service referrals, robust outcome and fidelity tracking, and automated compliance reporting.**

Through its unique design, **Binti's Service Referral Management Module helps agencies maximize the impact of FFPSA funding, improve service delivery efficiency, and achieve better outcomes for children and families.** By leveraging this technology, agencies can ensure every child has a fair chance at life through effective, timely, and transparent prevention services.

References

- ¹Children's Bureau, Administration for Children and Families. (2023). *FY 2023 Title IV-E prevention services claims and caseload* [Data set]. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. <https://acf.gov/sites/default/files/documents/cb/fy-2023-title-iv-e-prevention-services.xlsx>

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About Binti

Binti offers a proven, modern, mobile-friendly Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) solution focused on driving measurable results and promoting quality practice in Child Welfare to ensure every child has a fair chance at life. Since launching in 2017, Binti has grown quickly to serve over 550 agencies across 39 states and DC, including 16 statewide implementations, serving over 49% of child welfare in the US.

Binti was founded to transform the child welfare system and has built software to improve outcomes for children, ensure customer service excellence, save workers time, better collect and leverage data to provide insights that lead to better outcomes, and meet federal and state requirements, including Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) requirements.

Each Binti team member embraces our core values, including putting children first. **Over 37% of our staff have direct experience with child welfare—we are foster parents, children who have experienced foster care, former caseworkers, and CASAs.**

