



LEGISLATION

Caring Homes and Improved Lives for Dependents (CHILD) Act [H.R. 4839]

Rep. Meadows filed H.R. 4839 on October 23, 2019.

The bill makes provision for a cottage home to be considered as a least restrictive setting for children over the age of 6 and comparable with foster care.

Families First Transaction Act [S. 1376] Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich) and Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio). This act identifies funding levels by States to assist with implementation of FFPSA. Reportedly, it also offers assistance to States whose IV-E waiver expired on October 1, 2019. In addition, it also modifies the timeline for provisions associated to ratings for evidence based practices.

The State Flexibility and Family First Transitions Act [S. 107/ H.R. 3116] - This bill provides states with the option to extend by two years a child-welfare demonstration project scheduled to end in FY2019.

The Families First Transition and Support Act of 2019 [S. 1376/ H.R. 2702]- This bill was introduced on May 8, 2019 in the Senate by Sen. Brown (OH) and subsequently by Rep. Bass in the House on May 14, 2019.

[Note: It is only speculation on my part, but I anticipate that some kind of movement or passage of one of the three bills related to transition needed for FFPSA by the end of the year. The pressure in Washington continues to mount. In addition, there are some tweaks to the Family First Prevention Services Act that must be made to legislatively authorize steps that are already being taking such as modifying the times lines around evidence based practice and the percentage that must fall into the well-supported practice category.]

**Circle of Security Parenting Facilitator Training
Hosted by Methodist Children's Home - Waco, TX**



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**COSP™ FACILITATOR TRAINING
Waco, TX**

Hosted by: Methodist Children's Home
Presented by: Deb Harris - Circle of Security International Trainer

Dates: Tuesday 31 March - Friday 3 April 2020

Learning objectives for the training include:

- 1) Understand the theoretical foundation of the Circle of Security
- 2) Shift caregiver focused from behavior management to enhancing the quality of relationship
- 3) Understand specific steps to build self-reflection in caregivers
- 4) Use video examples to support increased empathy in caregivers
- 5) Identify new options to help caregivers manage emotions
- 6) Learn step-by-step approaches for promoting secure attachment in children

The link below takes a user to the list of trainings available on the Circle of Security International website, and from there he/she can search for the Waco training (Training type = COSP Facilitator, Location = Texas).

<https://www.circleofsecurityinternational.com/trainings/register-for-a-training/>.

In addition, I will be emailing all of you a brochure that explains the training more fully and includes the costs associated to the training.



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Welcome New Member

Arkansas Sheriff's Youth Ranch has been approved for CORE membership. The youth ranch is located in Batesville, AR and the majority of the residents are placed through the Department of Child and Family Services. Because of requirements associated with FFPSA, the agency now serves sibling groups and there is a mixed population of boys and girls in each of the cottages. All of the cottages have recently been renovated and new furnishings purchased. The campus is a very attractive setting with lots of indoor and outdoor space.



There are five cottages on campus. All of the cottages are 6,000 square feet with no more than two children assigned to any bedroom. All school age children attend the public school and have opportunities for normalized extracurricular activities.

The campus has a small chapel that is mostly used as a wedding venue for folks outside the agency. Efforts are periodically made to get the community to the campus to become familiar with setting and the population they serve.

The agency has a number of credentialed professional staff. The agency's compliance level with licensing standards is consistently good. The licensed professionals are trained in Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and all of the staff are trained in the dynamics as well.