

(b) (1) By January 1, 1993, the Special Secretary for Children, Youth, and Families, the Secretaries of Health and Mental Hygiene, Human Resources, Juvenile [Services] JUSTICE, and Budget and Fiscal Planning, and the State Superintendent of Schools shall develop a joint plan for the provision of family preservation services.

(2) Representatives of the Child Advocacy Community and other appropriate organizations shall be consulted in the development of the plan.

(3) The plan shall include:

(i) A schedule for phasing in family preservation services with a goal that, as resources are made available, all families determined to be suitable for these services after July 1, 1995 shall receive them;

(ii) Descriptions of the types of children and families who shall receive family preservation services;

(iii) Descriptions of the types of family preservation services available;

(iv) Descriptions of the situations in which the family preservation services available would not be appropriate; and

(v) Procedures for providing family preservation services on an interagency basis, when appropriate.

(c) The Special Secretary for Children, Youth, and Families, the Secretaries of Health and Mental Hygiene, Human Resources, Juvenile [Services] JUSTICE, and Budget and Fiscal Planning, and the State Superintendent of Schools may jointly develop and adopt regulations necessary to implement the provisions of the joint plan developed under subsection (b) of this section.

(d) The Special Secretary for Children, Youth, and Families, the Secretaries of Health and Mental Hygiene, Human Resources, Juvenile [Services] JUSTICE, and Budget and Fiscal Planning, and the State Superintendent of Schools shall implement the plan developed under this section.

(e) (1) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Human Resources, the Department of Juvenile [Services] JUSTICE, and the Department of Education may use funds that have been appropriated for out-of-home placement care and services to provide family preservation services in accordance with the joint plan and any regulations developed and adopted under this section.

(2) The joint plan developed under subsection (b) of this section shall identify other resources and strategies for the provision and support of a broad range of family preservation services.

(f) Subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, by July 1, 1994, and by July 1 of each year thereafter, the Special Secretary for Children, Youth, and Families, the Secretaries of Health and Mental Hygiene, Human Resources, Juvenile [Services] JUSTICE, and Budget and Fiscal Planning, and the State Superintendent of Schools shall submit a joint report to the General Assembly on the costs and outcomes of State-funded family preservation services for the previous fiscal year.