



**Improving Outcomes for Children in Foster Care
Strategic Blueprint 2016-2018 Executive Summary
NYC Administration for Children's Services (ACS)
Family Permanency Services (FPS) Division**

CASE PRACTICE PRIORITIES	Fundamental Case Practice	Improve fundamental elements of case practice (e.g. casework contacts, supervision, coaching, ensuring safety & addressing risk, strengths-based practice etc.)
	Family Reunification	Revitalize, resource & improve "family time" (aka visiting) practice Reinvigorate work around foster parents supporting parents
	Kin	Strengthen family finding practice
	KinGap	Fully leverage KinGap
	Placement	Shift from "beds" to "homes" approach to improve placement matching & child well-being Implement strategic foster/adoptive recruitment/retention/support strategies Enhance programming and physical plant at Children's Center
	Adoption	Improve adoption timeliness Enhance open adoption practice Expand post-permanency services
	APPLA/Older Youth	Reduce use of APPLA & increase reunification, adoption, KinGap & relational permanency Expand placement/ housing options for older youth in & exiting care Develop wraparound services & improve interagency collaboration for youth with complex needs Scale education and workforce development services
SYSTEMIC PRIORITIES	Deliver interventions that are trauma-informed and that help children, parents and families recover from and cope with trauma	Work with the new ACS Workforce Institute to develop training and learning development opportunities for the foster care agencies
	Implement new collaborative case consultation & technical assistance model to support foster care agency case practice	
	Collaborate & integrate services to improve outcomes for children & families	Improve case transitions from DCP to foster care agencies Support enhanced collaboration between foster care agencies & ACS FCLS Strengthen use of family team conferencing Increase utilization of Preventive Services at foster care discharge Enhance MH/DV/SA/Education resources Increase foster care/juvenile justice system collaboration Enhance collaboration with other public agencies
	Explore new financial models that reflect system values & performance goals	