

FFT ITN Questions and Answers:
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1. The ITN states the provider would serve 72-80 youth per year starting on or near November 15th. Is this 72-80 youth total for all jurisdictions served, or is this projected per CSU/locality?
 - *This is projected per FFT Team outlined for the CSU/localities identified in the ITN.*
2. Is EBA planning to select multiple providers to train in FFT? If so, would providers have the ability to market their program to localities, therefore giving the CSU and family a choice of provider? Or is EBA selecting the FFT provider for the CSU at the time of referral? Related, the ITN states the probation officers will be making the referrals. This would be the opposite of how we receive referrals now, which come directly from EBA. Is that accurate?
 - *On behalf of the Department of Juvenile Justice, EBA plans to select one Direct Service Provider (DSP) per locality – in this case, one DSP for the areas of CSU 31 outlined in the ITN and one for CSU 15/16th. It is possible that the same DSP might be selected for both CSUs/localities.*
 - *While marketing of the FFT program will be encouraged, we anticipate only having one FFT provider in each locality at this time.*
 - *Referrals are currently initiated by probation officers and authorized by EBA: the same process will continue for the FFT program.*
3. How will EBA evaluate which EBP is best for a youth/family (e.g., FFT vs MST)?
 - *For the foreseeable future, FFT and MST will be offered in separate CSUs (i.e., non-overlapping localities)*
4. How will EBA and FFT Services be providing "hiring support" as stated in the ITN? Do you prefer providers who are able to hire therapists already trained and experienced in FFT? Would we be at a disadvantage if we wanted to select existing staff from our agency who would need to be trained?
 - *EBA partners with FFT Inc. to provide resources (e.g., an FFT Hiring Toolkit that includes recommended recruitment advertisements, interview questions etc.)*
 - *EBA anticipates that the selected DSP will hire new, full-time staff specifically for and dedicated solely to the FFT program. In some cases, existing agency staff may be transferred into the FFT program but these staff must go through the same hiring and vetting process as new staff. As FFT is new to the VA Market, it is not expected that a DSP will hire a staff with FFT experience.*
5. Will EBA be following FFT's mandates for certification and training according to the FFT Site Certification Process?
 - *Yes*
6. The ITN refers to a cost estimator attached. I did not see this attachment.
 - *We apologize for the oversight. It is now posted on our website.*
7. Are there credential requirements for FFT team members, to include the supervisor? In other words, do staff need to be licensed to be eligible for FFT Training and to be called Functional Family Therapists?
 - *FFT does not require them to be licensed but there will be a preference for licensed or license-eligible staff who can fill the role of team supervisor.*