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Protect MiFamily

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Michigan's Title IV-E Waiver Child Welfare Demonstration

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Child Welfare Waiver Demonstrations

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- Section 1130 of the Social Security Act (SSA) authorizes HHS Secretary to approve State demonstrations involving the waiver of provisions of titles IV-E and IV-B of the SSA.
- All demonstrations must have a **rigorous evaluation** (process, outcome and cost) conducted by a third-party evaluator.
- All projects must be **cost neutral** to the Federal government, i.e., total amount of Federal funds used for demonstration must not exceed the amount of Federal funds that would have been provided under titles IV-B and IV-E in the absence of the demonstration.

Waiver Authority: Statutory Goals

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- Section 1130 of the SSA requires that all new projects address one or more of the following goals:
 - ❑ Increase permanency for all infants, children, and youth by reducing the time in foster placements when possible and promoting a successful transition to adulthood for older youth.
 - ❑ Increase positive outcomes for infants, children, youth, and families in their homes and communities, including tribal communities, and improve the safety and well-being of infants, children, and youth.
 - ❑ Prevent child abuse and neglect and the re-entry of infants, children, and youth into foster care.

HHS Priorities under Waiver Authority

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- Address trauma experienced by maltreated children through **trauma-informed programs/practices**.
- **Improve social, emotional, behavioral, cognitive well-being** and functioning of children, with a particular emphasis on children in long-term foster care or hardest to place in permanent homes.
- Yield more than modest improvements in the lives of children and families through the implementation of **evidence-based programs** and practices.
- **Leverage involvement of other resources** and organizational partners to make concurrent improvements in child welfare and related program areas (e.g., **partnerships with state Medicaid and mental health agencies**).

Demonstration States

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- Nine (9) States (AR, CO, IL, MA, MI, PA, UT, WA, WI) received approval in FFY 2012 to implement demonstrations under the new waiver authority. All have implemented to date.
- Eight (8) States (HI, TN, NE, ID, MT, NY, RI, DC) were recently approved in FFY 2013 to implement demonstration projects.

Decision to Pursue Waiver

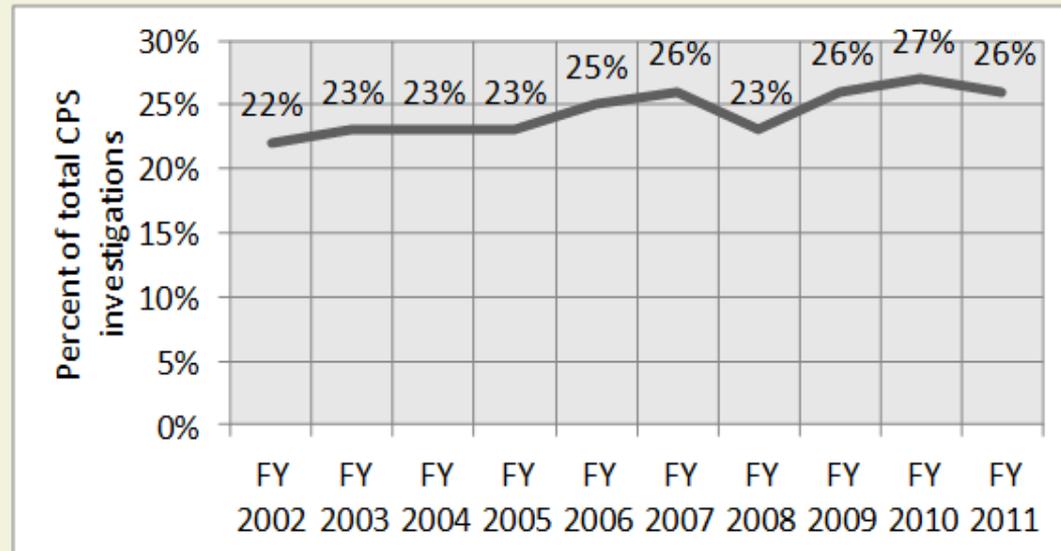
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- Aligns federal funding with Michigan child welfare priorities
- Diminishing federal participation, cost of foster care not sustainable
- Innovation is limited
- Addresses shortcomings in Michigan
 - victimization rate
 - recurrent maltreatment
 - young foster care population
- Federal child welfare finance reform

Victimization Rate

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Michigan's number and rate of confirmed maltreatment has increased.



Children age 0-5 account for 51% of victims.

Failed CFSR benchmark

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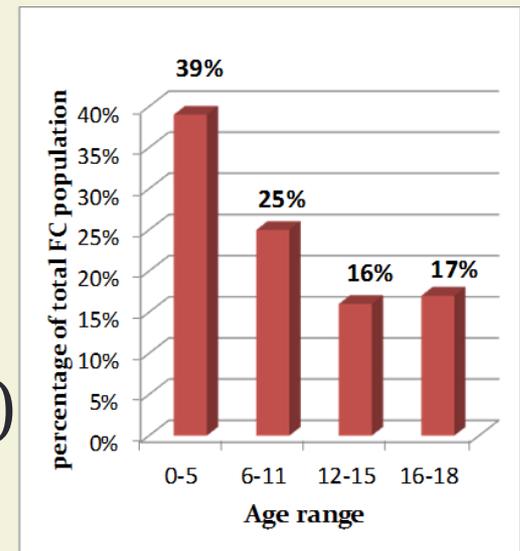
- In the past several years, Michigan's ability to prevent recurrent maltreatment did not improve, making it one of the worst ten performing states on that outcome.

National Data Standards – Safety	National Standard	MI FY 2010	MI FY 2011	MI FY 2012
Absence of maltreatment recurrence	94.6+	91.7%	91.4%	91.0%

Foster Care Population

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- 27% decline in total foster care population in MI since 2006.
- Statewide decline for children 0-5 not as precipitous.
- Young children make up largest share of foster care population (40%)



Development Process

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- Data analysis
- Child and Family Service Review
- Reports: Child Welfare Improvement Task Force & MSU Needs Assessment
- Gap analysis
- Feedback from Field
- External Stakeholders

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- Project Characteristics
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Project Description

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Protect MiFamily is a 5-year demonstration that tests the impact of long-term preservation, prevention, direct engagement, and case management services to families with very young children at high and intensive risk for future maltreatment.

Project Goals

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- Increase parental capacity to safely care for children
- Decrease risk of maltreatment and increase safety
- Improve child social and emotional wellbeing
- Decrease maltreatment and recidivism
- Decrease court-ordered removal and out-of-home placement for children age 0-5

Project Characteristics

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- Strengthening Families Protective Factors Approach - build parental capacity
- Protective Factors Survey
- Early Psychosocial Screening - identify main concerns
- Trauma Screening Checklist - address history of trauma
- Devereux Early Childhood Assessment - identify children's needs & strengths
- Risk Management Plan, Safety Assessment & Planning - address safety
- Evidence-based interventions
- Address concrete needs
- Family input and preferences
- 15- month duration, flexible level of intensity, community collaboration
- Performance/Incentive based contracts

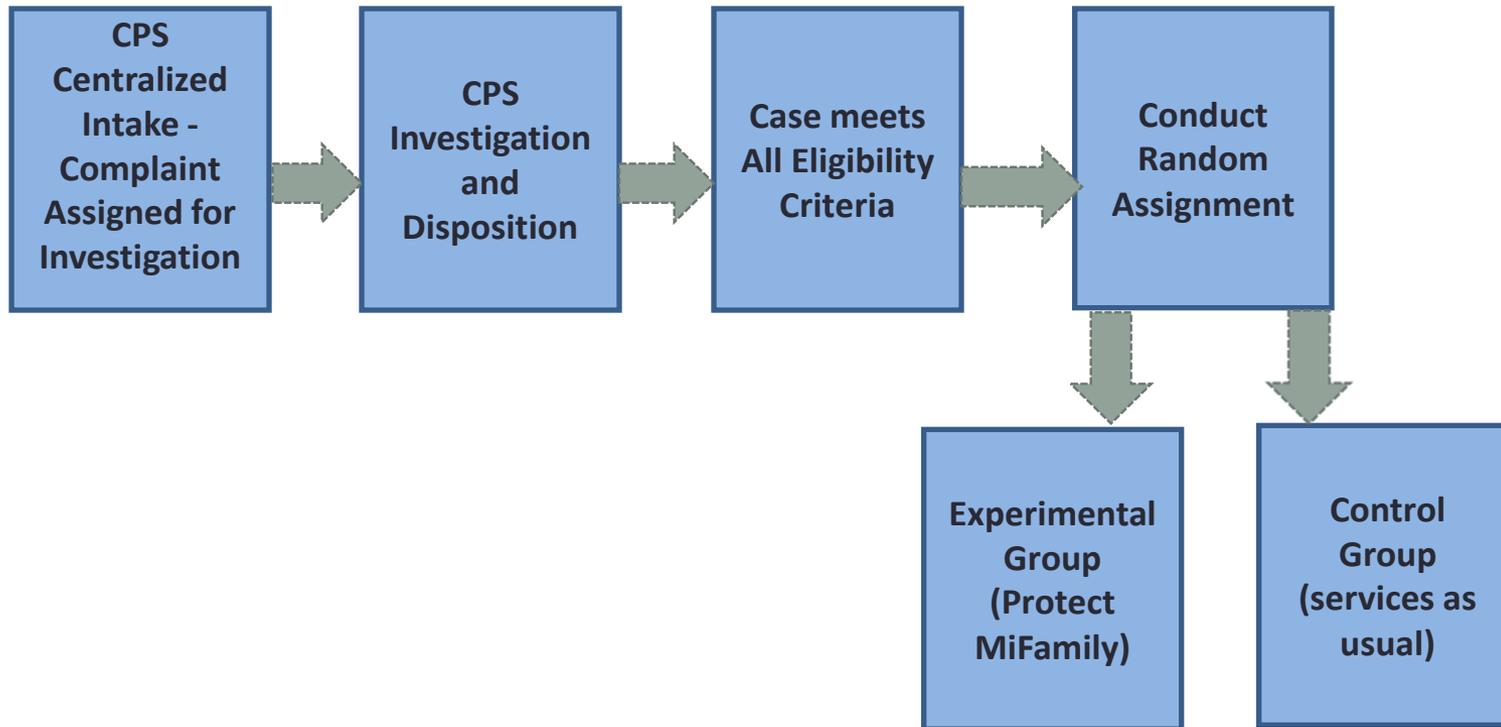
Target Population

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- Eligibility criteria:
 - at least one household child is 0-5
 - resides in demonstration site
 - Category II or
 - Category IV w/Risk Assessment results high or intensive
- Lutheran Social Services of Michigan (Kalamazoo, Macomb)
- Catholic Charities of West Michigan (Muskegon)

Case Selection Process

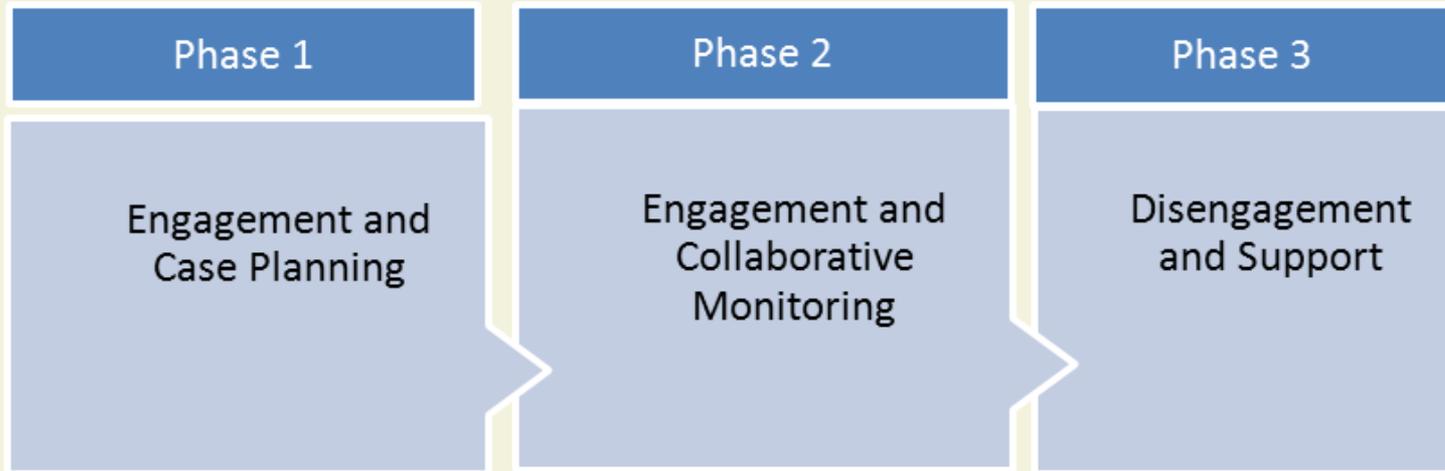
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Phases of Service

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15 months



Evaluation Design

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- Westat and U of M Social Work
- Experimental research design - random assignment to control or experimental group
- 2:1 sampling ratio
- 300 families per year/experimental group
- 150 families per year/control group
- five-year demonstration period, for a total sample of 2,250.

Evaluation continued....

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- ❑ Outcome Analysis
 - Comparison of experimental and control groups
 - Standardized measures of improved parental capacity and child well-being as a result of service delivery
- ❑ Process Evaluation
 - Model Fidelity, Quality Improvement, Family Satisfaction
- ❑ Cost-benefit analysis
- ❑ Reports
 - Semi Annual Progress, Interim Evaluation, Final Evaluation

Project Status

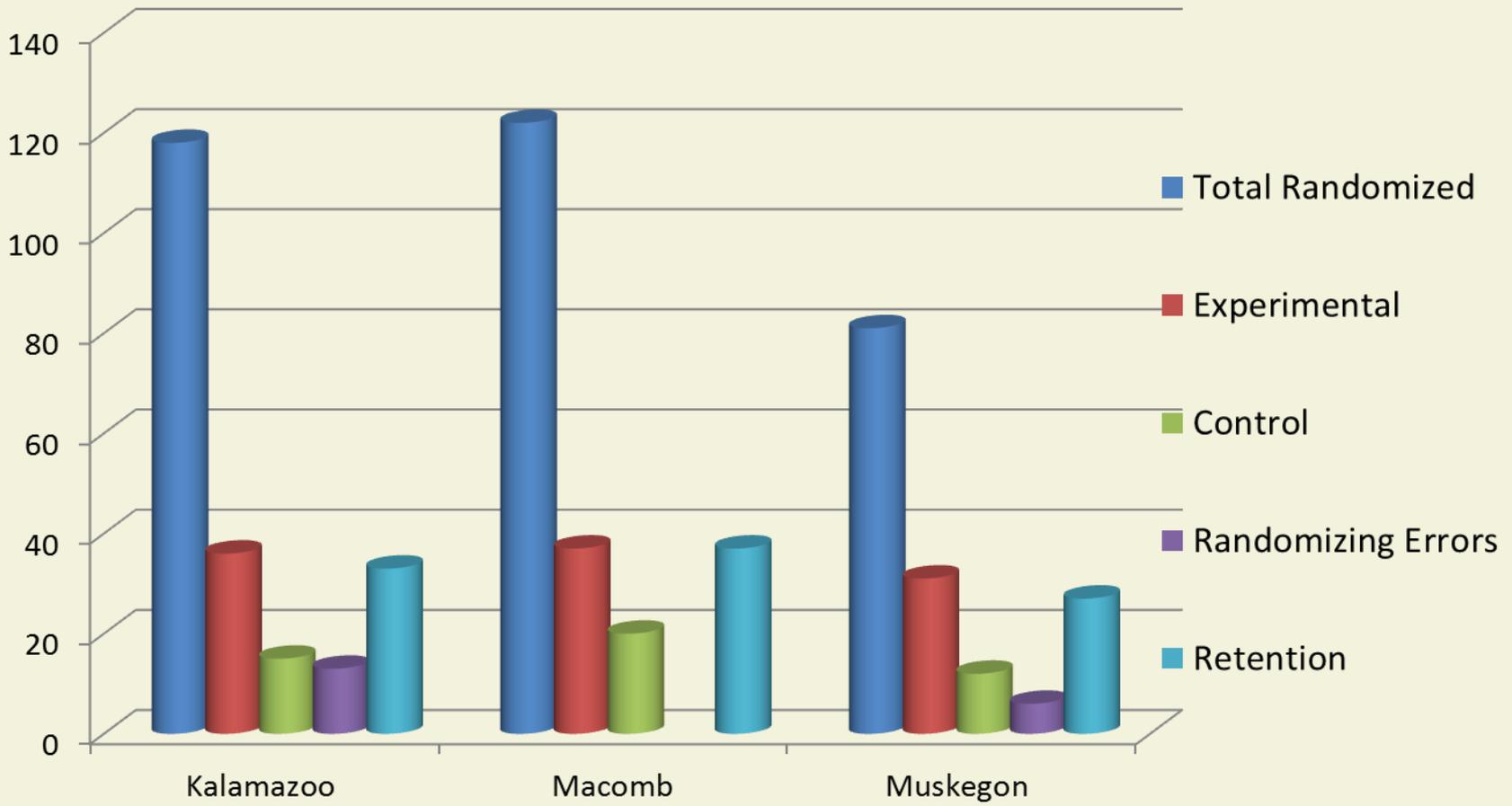
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- Exploration
- Installation
- Initial Implementation – Aug. 1, 2013
- **Full Implementation**
- Innovation & Refinement
- Sustainability

**must end by July 2018*

Outputs

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Early Issues

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- Eligibility
- Fear
- Role confusion
- Communication and requirements
- Systems
- Human subject research consent
- Data collection and fidelity

Potential Impacts

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- Change trajectory for young children
- Support 1,500 families to reach potential
- More responsive communities-collaboration, partnership
- Evidence of what works, what doesn't
- Increased reliance on outcome-based, research driven approaches
- Expanded child welfare continuum
- Potential cost savings > Reinvestment opportunity
- Inform refinancing discussion