

## REMEMBER, NOT EVERY FAMILY WILL HAVE AN UNMET SERVICE NEED

Child welfare systems need to counter concerns that proactively discussing the need for and offering services to adoptive and guardianship families will lead to an overwhelming demand.



As compared with all families formed through adoption and guardianship, research tells us that only a moderate proportion of adoptive and guardianship families will need to seek services from the child welfare system. Results from a survey of adoptive parents and guardians in Illinois found that 85% of these families said they were doing well with the supports and services they currently had and did not need additional supports or services (Fuller et al., 2006). In Tennessee, post-adoption services are available to all adoptive families in the state who are receiving a subsidy. Between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017, of the approximately 5,500 adoptive families eligible for services, 353 (6%) utilized the services. Data from several of the QIC-AG sites further supports that offering services to adoptive and guardianship families will not lead to an overwhelming demand. Parents and guardians with teenagers in New Jersey were offered a group-based intervention aimed at helping them respond effectively to their child's emotions. Of the 653 families offered the service, 11% have participated. In Illinois, the QIC-AG project offered families with teenagers living in one region a trauma-informed home-based intervention. Of the 353 families offered the service, 6% have participated.



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