

Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) Assessment Services

Helping states implement new child welfare requirements

On February 9, 2018, Congress passed the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) in a bipartisan reform effort that supports keeping children safely with their families rather than placing them in foster care. Signaling a significant change in perspective, the FFPSA passage puts emphasis on front-end preventative services, including at-home parenting classes, mental health counseling, and substance abuse treatment. It also limits federal funding for placement in congregate care settings. The law requires independent assessments of children placed in such settings and ties this requirement to ongoing federal funding of the placement — provided the placement meets the definition of a [Qualified Residential Treatment Program \(QRTP\)](#), newly introduced under FFPSA.

Many states face challenges with interpreting the multifaceted legislation and implementing it within their unique and complex service landscapes within tight timelines. As your state's child welfare agency seeks a partner in its efforts to implement the independent QRTP assessment, Maximus stands uniquely qualified to provide expert consultation and experienced assessment administration.

- Conducted over 675,000 national best practice screenings, comprehensive assessments, and clinical reviews that inform appropriate support, service, and level of care determinations each year
- Worked with multiple states to adapt their level of care criteria specifically for FFPSA and the QRTP service settings, and successfully implemented their QRTP assessment operations
- Staffed with a team of experts in the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS), Child and Adolescent Service Intensity Instrument (CASII), and Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS)

AT A GLANCE

Maximus brings:

- A team of QRTP assessment experts ready for consultation and clinical alignment
- Boots on the ground in your state to allow for rapid implementation
- Proven experience, lessons learned, and best practices from multiple QRTP assessment implementations

The Maximus approach

As a CMS-designated Quality Improvement Organization-like (QIO-like) entity, Maximus brings expertise in quality clinical case review and offers states an enhanced federal match for our services. Our approach is based on three fundamental principles:



1. Continually leveraging clinically excellent, accurate assessments to optimize the placements, supports, and services for children and families in a manner that improves their outcomes and supports program goals



2. Providing exceptionally engaged, informed, and expert consultation supporting the program’s goals for conduct and impact of the QRTP needs assessment, and for leveraging the assessment to maximize its benefit to children and families



3. Fostering stakeholder confidence by delivering consistently high-quality assessments with meaningful outcomes and taking a transparent, collaborative approach to understanding and addressing the needs of stakeholders impacted by the assessment programs we implement on behalf of states

Trusted provider of clinical assessments for children and adolescents

We offer deep and broad experience providing assessments, clinical reviews, and determination services to children across the states we serve. Our core QRTP leaders also offer extensive experience providing clinical services to children with disrupted placements, mental and behavioral healthcare needs, and who require services and supports to safely remain with, return to, and thrive within a family-like setting.

Comprehensive implementation plan

For 20 years, we have successfully implemented each of our assessment projects on or ahead of schedule, including projects with steep learning curves and aggressive implementation deadlines. Your state’s child welfare agency will have access to a multidisciplinary team to support its rollout.

<p>Program Leadership Comprises professionals with both depth and breadth of experience implementing and leading similar projects across the country</p>	<p>Implementation Includes project management professionals to expertly guide and monitor all implementation activity and deliverables and to report implementation status to the department at regularity</p>	<p>Clinical Implementation Brings expertise leading clinical alignment activities with state customers to help ensure that our clinical decisions perfectly reflect the department’s intended level of care criteria</p>
<p>Recruiting & Credentialing Expert recruiting professionals who have recruited over 1,000 clinicians, responsible for hiring high-performance clinical support staff</p>		<p>Quality Establishes routine conduct of our QRTP specific quality measurement protocols including inter-rate reliability and peer review</p>
<p>Information Technology Gathers unique state-specific data capture and reporting requirements and translates requirements into system configurations project for the QRTP project</p>	<p>Procedures & Training Document all processes and work instructions and establish all training protocols including clinical decision guides, referral processing, assessment protocols, distribution of written outcomes, and standard reporting</p>	<p>Communications Develop and deliver any necessary materials to be used for outreach or onboarding of key stakeholders and persons and entities impacted by the implementation of the QRTP independent assessment project</p>

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