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**Subject:** At-Risk of Homelessness <u>Interim</u> Referral Protocol

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As the Family Supportive Housing Program (FSH) has expanded, periodically there are no households experiencing homelessness on the Coordinated Entry Master List who are interested in participating in Family Supportive Housing in a community. As of March 18, 2024, the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO) is introducing an interim protocol to accept referrals for families who are at-risk of homelessness. This is an interim solution until the Coordinated Entry Assessment and the HMIS can address this need.

Please review and refer to the Family Supportive Housing At-Risk of Homelessness Interim Referral Protocol and At-Risk of Homelessness Interim (30 day) Referral Agreement. These documents address the process as well as the associated required documentation.

OEO is in the process of updating the Family Supportive Housing Manual to reflect this change and incorporate these documents. This expansion of eligibility will also appear in future contract agreements.

Please contact the FSH Program Officer with any questions:

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