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Intact Family Services Program



Helping young people and families
succeed by serving them in their home,
school and community.

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Intact Family Services Program

- A program designed to work with families who have come to the attention of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) as a result of a referral about an abuse/neglect investigation.
- The program provides efforts to preserve families so that children can remain safely at home and avoid foster care placement.

Objectives:

The overall objectives of the program are:

- To reduce the risk of neglect and/or abuse
- To ensure the child is safe at home
- To enhance family functioning

The real focus in serving these families are addressing issues that led to abuse and/or neglect. When the most common underlying factors are established, this will reveal what services are needed the most for families to be successful. The program is designed to be conducted from 5-7 months, at which time parents must meet minimum parenting standards.



Services Provided by YSB:

- Assessment of family issues
- Crisis interventions provided by workers 24 hours through a hotline that clients may utilize if a crisis develops.
- Referral linkage to community providers. Families may be referred to providers for counseling for issues of domestic violence, substance abuse, anger management and psychotropic medication appointments for a diagnosed mental illness. They can also be referred to medical providers for health issues, public aid for cash assistance and also to the Housing Authority for housing issues.
- Parenting education is provided through a parenting curriculum.
- A budget may be established utilizing worksheets and budgeting material.
- Transportation is provided to all appointments if the family is unable to get to the appointment.
- Advocacy is provided if the family is involved with court by writing court reports.
- Progress is reported to families within the service plan quarterly.

Who is Eligible for Services?

- Families who have a child abuse/neglect investigation and are in jeopardy of having their child(ren) removed from the home.



**Referrals are made
by DCFS to
Intact Family Services**