

INTENSIVE FAMILY PRESERVATION (IFP)

Program Overview

IFP is a short-term, in-home service designed to intervene quickly in order to reduce immediate safety concerns, the risk of future abuse and/or neglect, and the need for out-of-home placement. IFP conducts child safety assessment of caregivers, builds parenting skills, increases community and natural supports, and provides case management. Crisis support is available to actively enrolled families 24 hours per day, seven days a week including weekends and holidays with the goal of helping the family secure immediate clinical interventions when necessary.

Target Population

DCF families with an active in-home case when there is an emerging removal concern for children age birth to 17 years.

Referral and Service Initiation

- DCF IFP gatekeeper will identify the priority ranking of cases to be assigned for service;
- Universal Referral Form and releases of information will be obtained before or at the initial visit conducted by the Contractor and the DCF referring Social Worker;
- IFP providers will not close intake or decline referrals without prior notification and consent of the DCF IFP gatekeeper.
- DCF and Provider will conduct a joint initial home visit within 72 hours of referral. DCF may request a more immediate visit (e.g., same day, 24 or 48 hours) if case circumstances require it.

Length of Service

IFP typically delivers one to two weekly home visits over a 4-6 month period. The program may offer additional home visits or longer length of service based on the needs and circumstances of the family.

Program Coverage and Referrals

IFP is available to DCF involved families statewide by referral through the IFP Gatekeeper.

DCF Region	IFP Gatekeeper
Region 1	Jill Kochman
Region 2	Joshua Fisher
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