

Goals of Family Preservation Program

- To enhance the parents' ability to create a safe, stable and nurturing home environment that promotes healthy child development
- To prevent out-of-home placement of children, when safety can be acquired for all family members
- To provide, refer to, and coordinate services needed to achieve or maintain family safety, stability, independence and unity



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Family Preservation

In-Home Family Preservation is a time-limited intensive program available within the local departments of social services. It is a voluntary program, specifically identified to promote stability for families in crisis whose children are at risk of out-of-home placement. Family Preservation actively seeks to obtain community resources or directly provide the critical services needed to enable the family to remain together in a safe and stable environment.

Research has shown that once a child is removed from the home, it can be difficult to reunite the family. Families identified with problems regarding child maltreatment, domestic violence, homelessness, substance abuse, DJS involvement and mental and physical health issues are the population most served.

Purpose of Family Preservation Programs

- **To promote the safety and wellbeing of children and their families**
- **To preserve family unity where children's safety can be supported**
- **To maintain permanency for children**
- **To empower families to achieve or sustain independence and self-sufficiency**



Philosophy of Family Preservation

- Child safety based
- Family focused
- Dedicated to work with families as partners
- Respect
- Designed to build on family strengths and unity within the context of their culture and community
- Dedicated to prevent, reduce or eliminate behaviors, environmental barriers, and community conditions, which may place a child, family or community at risk of further maltreatment or dysfunctional practices
- Primarily provided in the home or community
- Flexible
- Timely