

Family Preservation



Family Preservation services are provided to families who come to the attention of the Department of Children and Family Services where there is risk due to identified issues related to mental health, substance abuse, and/or domestic violence. Services include weekly, one-hour in-home sessions with an in-home counselor, linkage services, supplemental services, and multidisciplinary case planning committee meetings to establish goals and assist the family in overcoming barriers. Services are provided for a duration of 6 months to one year.

The goal of services is to strengthen and improve family functioning while keeping children safe in their home. In-home outreach counselors (IHOCs) work with both the parents/caregivers and children in learning new skills and techniques that will support healthy parent/caregiver and child relationships and practices which will reduce future involvement with the Department of Children and Family Services and prevent future detainment of children.

Family Preservation also provides therapeutic day treatment services to youth who have probation involvement. Services include weekly, individual, group, and family

therapy while also assisting the youth to meet their goals of academic credit recovery with the goal of returning to their district school.

Family Preservation assessment services is a one-time service which is provided to parents who come to the attention of DCFS due to mental health concerns, substance abuse concerns, and/or domestic violence. Clinicians will screen the adult family members using a DCFS approved screening instrument to assess parental strengths and challenges and propose recommendations for services that will be beneficial in increasing skills and/or addressing concerns related to DCFS involvement.

Philosophy

The philosophy of Family Preservation services recognizes that children need a safe and stable family and that separating children from their families is traumatic for them, often leaving lasting negative effects. These services build upon the belief that many children can be safely protected and treated within their own homes when parents are provided with services and support that empower them to change their lives and strengthen their family functioning.

Days and Hours of Services

Family Preservation services are offered Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Fridays from 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM, and Saturdays from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Fees

Family Preservation services are funded by the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services and families can participate in services at no cost to them.

Program Eligibility

Family Preservation requires the following in order to receive services:

- Prior or current involvement with DCFS
- Children residing in-home or in the process of reunification
- Weekly participation with IHOC
- Participation in team meetings to collaboratively develop treatment plans
- Be referred by the assigned social worker

Staff Credentials

The In-home Outreach Counselor is a pre-licensed therapist who holds a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology, Counseling, Social Work, or related field, or one who is in the process of obtaining a Master's Degree, and is supervised by a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist or Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

FAMILY PRESERVATION



Family Preservation operates out of the following locations:

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