

200.585 Duty of Department for Community Based Services.

- (1) The Department for Community Based Services shall be the lead administrative agency for family preservation services and may receive funding for the implementation of these services. The Department for Community Based Services shall:
 - (a) Provide the coordination of and planning for the implementation of family preservation services;
 - (b) Provide standards for family preservation services programs;
 - (c) Monitor these services to ensure they meet measurable standards of performance as set forth in state law and as developed by the Department for Community Based Services; and
 - (d) Provide the initial training and approve any ongoing training required by providers of family preservation services.
- (2) The Department for Community Based Services may provide family preservation services directly or may contract with a private, nonprofit social service agency to provide these services. In the event the department provides family preservation services with state caseworkers, those caseworkers and cases shall be excluded for the overall caseworker/case averages provided on a quarterly basis to the Legislative Research Commission and the Governor's office under KRS 199.461. Family preservation services caseworkers and cases shall be included in the report as a separate category.
- (3) In the event a nonprofit social service agency is contracted by the Department for Community Based Services, to provide family preservation services, the contract shall include:
 - (a) Requirements for provider acceptance of any client referred by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services for family preservation services;
 - (b) Limitation of caseload to four (4) or fewer families per caseworker;
 - (c) Provision of twenty-four (24) hour crisis intervention services to families served by the program;
 - (d) Provision for training of family preservation services staff to meet the following minimum standards:
 1. Intensive training of not less than forty (40) hours to any therapist before family preservation services clients are assigned. This training is to be provided by individuals with recognized expertise regarding family preservation services and is to concern itself with the required knowledge skills, and techniques for success within the family preservation services model;
 2. A plan for the continuing education of staff therapists after the initial forty (40) hours;
 3. Training of not less than twenty (20) hours for a paraprofessional family aide before provision of services without the direct supervision of a family preservation services caseworker;

- (e) Provide for and conduct internal program evaluation and cooperate with external evaluation as directed by the Department for Community Based Services;
- (4) To qualify for continued funding under subsection (3) of this section, an agency contracting to provide family preservation services shall demonstrate an annual success rate of seventy-five percent (75%) in avoiding out-of-home placement six (6) months after the cessation of family preservation services.

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