

**200.575 Family preservation services programs.**

"Family preservation services" means programs that:

- (1) Follow intensive, home-based service models with demonstrated effectiveness in reducing or avoiding the need for out-of-home placement;
- (2) Provide such services that their operation results in lower costs than would out-of-home placement;
- (3) Employ specially trained caseworkers who shall:
  - (a) Provide at least half their services in the family's home or other natural community setting;
  - (b) Provide services to no more than four (4) families at any one (1) time;
  - (c) Provide direct therapeutic services available twenty-four (24) hours per day for an average of at least forty-five (45) days per family;
  - (d) Aid in the solution of practical problems that contribute to family stress so as to effect improved parental performance and enhanced functioning of the family unit;
  - (e) Arrange for additional assistance, including but not limited to, housing, child care, education, and job training, emergency cash grants, state and federally funded public assistance, and other basic support needs; and
  - (f) Supervise any paraprofessionals or "family aides" made available to provide specialized services or skills to manage everyday problems and better provide and care for its children.
- (4) Have available moneys to be spent at the caseworker's discretion to enhance the success of the intervention.

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