

Core Services – Family Preservation Program

Volume of Child Welfare Services (12 CCR 2509-4) 7.303 CORE SERVICES PROGRAM

The counties provide program services that best meet the needs of the child and family. The Core Services program consists of the following services as defined in Staff Manual Volume 7:

- **Home Based Intervention:** services provided primarily in the home of the client and include a variety of services, which can include therapeutic services, concrete services, collateral services and crisis intervention directed to meet the needs of the child and family. See Section 7.303.14 for service elements of therapeutic, concrete, collateral, and crisis intervention.
- **Intensive Family Therapy:** therapeutic intervention typically with all family members to improve family communication, functioning, and relationships.
- **Life Skills:** services provided primarily in the home that teach household management, effectively accessing community resources, parenting techniques, and family conflict management.
- **Day Treatment:** comprehensive, highly structured services that provide education to children and therapy to children and their families.
- **Sexual Abuse Treatment:** therapeutic intervention designed to address issues and behaviors related to sexual abuse victimization, sexual dysfunction, sexual abuse perpetration, and to prevent further sexual abuse and victimization.
- **Special Economic Assistance:** emergency financial assistance of not more than \$400 per family per year in the form of cash and/or vendor payment to purchase hard services. See Section 7.303.14 for service elements of hard services.
- **Mental Health Services:** diagnostic and/or therapeutic services to assist in the development of the family services plan, to assess and/or improve family communication, functioning, and relationships.
- **Substance Abuse Treatment Services:** diagnostic and/or therapeutic services to assist in the development of the family service plan, to assess and/or improve family communication, functioning and relationships, and to prevent further abuse of drugs or alcohol.
- **Aftercare Services:** any of the Core services provided to prepare a child for reunification with his/her family or other permanent placement and to prevent future out-of-home placement of the child.
- **County Designed Services:** an optional service tailored by the specific county in meeting the needs of families and children in the community in order to prevent the out-of-home placement of children or facilitate reunification or another form of permanence.

Core Services Program Goals 7.303.11 Program Goals [rev. eff. 11/1/98]

The goals of the Core Services Program are to:

- A. Focus on the family strengths by directing intensive services that support and strengthen the family and protect the child;
- B. Prevent out-of-home placement of the child;
- C. Return children in placement to their own home; or,
- D. Unite children with their permanent families.
- E. Provide services that protect the child.

"To return children in placement to their own home or to unite children with their permanent families" is defined as return to the home of a parent, an adoptive placement, guardianship, independent living placement, foster-adoption placement or to live with a relative/kin if the goal for the child in the Family Services Plan is to remain in the placement on a permanent basis.

7.303.13 Program Eligibility [rev. eff. 11/1/98]

In order to be eligible for the Core Services Program, each child shall:

- A. Meet the criteria for Program Area 4, 5, or 6 target group; and,
- B. Meet the Colorado out-of-home placement criteria at the time of each placement in any Core Services Program; and,
- C. Require a more restrictive level of care but may be maintained at a less restrictive out-of-home placement or in his/her own home with Core services.