

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND REFERRAL PROCESS

### Eligibility Criteria:

All clients of the Family Preservation Program must be referred by the Office of Children and Youth, either by an on-going or intake caseworker.

The caseworker determines if a family can benefit from program services to assist and support parents/caregivers in maintaining children at home or to assist with the return home of children who have been placed outside the home. Emphasis is placed on working with the parent to provide a safe and stable home environment.

### Geographic Area Served:

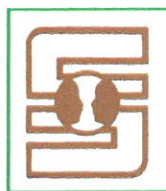
Family Preservation provides services throughout Erie County.

### Referral Process:

The caseworker completes the referral form and faxes it to Corry Counseling Services.

The Family Preservation supervisor at Corry Counseling can be reached at 814-664-7761 ext. 120 with any questions about the referral process.

Corry Counseling Services



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Corry Counseling Services is a non-profit organization dedicated to meeting the behavioral health needs of the residents of southeastern Erie County. The agency has served children and adults with mental and developmental disabilities in Corry and the surrounding area for nearly 40 years. In addition to Family Preservation, programs and services include:

- Psychiatric evaluation and treatment
- Medication management
- Individual, family and group counseling for children, adolescents and adults
- Family Based Mental Health
- Blended Case Management
- Medication Support Program
- Group home care for developmentally disabled adults

Services are professional, caring and confidential.

Funding for the Family Preservation Program is provided by the Erie County Office of Children and Youth.

Other agency funding is provided in part by the Department of Public Welfare, the County of Erie Department of Human Services and the United Fund of Corry.

## FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM OF Corry Counseling



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# FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM SERVICES

## Family Preservation Service Components:

- Counseling
- Case Management and Service Linkages
- Parent Education and Training
- Household and resource management
- 24 Hour/Day Support Line

Family Preservation strives to strengthen the adaptive capacity of families through working to enhance problem-solving skills, stress management, conflict resolution, coping strategies and anger management.

Skills-based interventions, including home and resource management, are an important part of program services. Family Preservation works with parents to establish or maintain households that are free of hazards and safe for children. Upon request, parents are assisted to budget their available funds so as to adequately provide food, clothing and shelter for their children.

Parent education is provided in individual sessions in the home setting with the goal of teaching parents to implement positive and effective discipline.

Family Preservation staff is available to assist families to gain access to needed social, psychiatric, medical, and concrete services and supports. Psychiatric treatment services can conveniently be accessed through the outpatient division at Corry Counseling, or alternately through any provider a family chooses.

On-call staff is available to assist and support families when the agency is closed.

## ALL FAMILIES NEED SUPPORT.

Sometimes families lose support, need extra support, or the support that they usually rely upon is not enough to help them at a particular time. The Family Preservation Program is a short-term, intensive, home-based program that works with families to provide them with supportive services to help make the family stronger or help the family resolve issues, problems or difficulties. The services provided depend upon the need of the family. Services can include a wide variety of things: parenting support; assistance in obtaining needed services; help talking to other professionals; educational support; interventions to decrease family conflict and strengthen relationships. Family Preservation works with the family to identify areas of concern then develops goals and a plan to help the family address their concerns.



Length of services: 6 months

Frequency of services: Families are asked to commit to meeting with staff a minimum of two times per week. The amount of time spent in sessions is generally three hours a week. Excessive cancellations or no shows by a family may result in termination of services by the Family Preservation worker.

Hours of operation: Family Focus staff work flexible hours in order to schedule sessions based on family need and availability.

Location of services: Sessions are usually held in family homes, although on occasion sessions may be held at the agency.

Goal of Services: The goal of the Family Preservation Program is to support the healthy functioning of families, while always maintaining child safety as a priority.