



FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAMS

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Strengthening families, empowering parents, and supporting stable environments for children are at the core of the community-based Family Services Programs at The Children's Study Home. Parents are provided with supports, education, and assistance to build on their strengths and be competent and confident caregivers for their children.



FAMILY REUNIFICATION SUPPORT PROGRAM (FRSP)



PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAM














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The Parent Education Program is a support service for families involved with DCF who are at risk for neglect and abuse. Families are referred for stabilization and placement prevention. CSH Parent Educators work with families in their homes several hours per week to identify risks and build on the family's strengths to provide a stable, nurturing home for their children. The program focuses on education and strengthening parent/child relationships. The family and the Parent Educator work as a team to achieve the specific identified goals.



Parent Educators provide information on the following topics:

-  Daily care needs of children
-  Parent/child/family relationships
-  Developmental and emotional needs of family members
-  Substance abuse issues
-  Mental health issues
-  Inadequate housing
-  Lack of employment
-  Budgeting
-  Household cleanliness and management
-  Domestic violence
-  Education on the impact of abuse/neglect on children/ families
-  Non-physical discipline strategies
-  Developing and accessing formal and informal community supports

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HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?



Each family has a Parent Educator who assists and supports the family in a variety of ways; including, but not limited to supportive counseling, skill building, information and referral, and advocacy.









Parents are required to meet regularly with the Parent Educator to specifically address concerns pertaining to reunification. Home visits take place for no less than two hours each week.



FAMILY REUNIFICATION SUPPORT PROGRAM (FRSP)

The Family Reunification Support Program (FRSP) is a supportive service for DCF involved families. FRSP serves families who have an identified goal of “reunification”. FRSP works closely with DCF toward a family’s identified goals. Family Support Workers will supervise visitations and provide all relevant and appropriate documentation regarding parent/child interactions to DCF.

WHAT DOES FRSP OFFER FAMILIES?

-  Supervised parent/child visits for families referred by DCF (including transportation of children to and from visits)
-  Individual meetings with parents focusing on parent education including:
 -  Building on families’ strengths and resources
 -  Providing a safe, healthy environment
Enhancing parenting skills
 -  Addressing identified needs
 -  Strengthening parent/child relationships
Assisting families in connecting to and accessing community resources

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WHAT DOES FRSP OFFER FAMILIES?



Each family has a Family Support Worker who assumes a variety of roles while working with their family.



The family's Family Support Worker will coordinate weekly individual parent meetings and parent/child visit. Visits are usually scheduled for the same days and times each week and usually last no less than an hour.



The family's Family Support Worker assists and supports the family in a variety of ways; including, but not limited to supportive counseling, skill building, informational and referral and advocacy.



Parents are required to meet regularly with their Family Support Worker to specify issues pertaining to reunification.

FAMILY VISITATION PROGRAM (FVP)

FVP is a service available to families in need of a supportive environment in which to visit with their children. Family support workers transport the children to and from visits. The workers observe these visits as a second set of eyes for DCF. The Visit Supervisor provides a weekly report to the DCF Social Worker and Family Networks.



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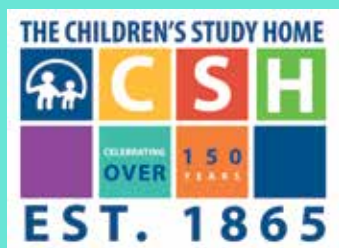


About Us



The Children's Study Home is dedicated to partnering with families by providing innovative and educational programs and services that strengthen children and families; empowering them to succeed at home, within the community, and throughout life.

The Children's Study Home serves children, adolescents, and families with special needs throughout the Pioneer Valley, the Berkshires and Cape Cod areas. The children we serve are often struggling to cope with behavioral, psychiatric, and cognitive issues related to the experiences they have survived. Our staff assesses their needs and develops individualized service plans that foster recovery, growth, and wellness.



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