

IFPS Job Responsibilities

Masters level staff to provide high fidelity family preservation to families whose children are at immediate risk of removal from the home and placement into state custody due to parental drug use.

Therapist will work with 2-3 families at a time utilizing IFPS model, requiring 8 to 10 hours of weekly face to face intervention with each family. Therapists provide 24-7 crisis intervention, treatment in the natural (home) setting, meet at times convenient to client families (thus evening s and weekends are required) and create linkages to concrete and social services.

Duties include:

- Reaching families within 24 hours of referral by the project team at the intervention crisis point
- Being accessible and responsive to client needs/ on call 24/7 for crisis
- Utilize a wide range of research-based interventions, including crisis intervention, motivational interviewing, and cognitive behavioral therapy.
- Develop, maintain and utilize community referral sources and encourage/coordinate family support systems.
- Complete service plans with measurable goals/ objectives and all required documentation including daily progress notes.
- Ability to teach a wide range of skills such as parenting skills, childhood development, anger management, time management, budgeting, social skills, job skills and etc.
- Work with parents to address individual alcohol and drug issues
- Ensure Safety of the Children as they remain in the home.
- Participation in National Research Evaluation Project

Requirements:

Position requires a Master's Degree in psychology, social work, counseling or a related field. Experience working with families in their natural environment is preferred. A&D experience is a plus. Therapists must have reliable transportation, liability insurance and a TN driver's license. Knowledge of target population (families at risk of having child placed into custody due to parental substance abuse), and of evidenced-based models are preferred. Therapists in this position must be dedicated to creating and maintaining a culture of respect, must value cultural differences and must be able to work both independently and a part of a team.