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Homebuilders®: Intensive Family Preservation Services

Homebuilders works with high-risk families involved with Allegheny County Child Welfare. The goal of the program is to remove any risks of placement while preserving the family unit. The program gives families the chance to learn new behaviors, and helps them make better choices for their children. Child safety is ensured through small caseloads, program intensity, and 24-hour a day service availability.

OUR SERVICES

- **Intervention at the crisis point**
Client families are seen within 24 hours of referral
- **Treatment in the natural setting**
Almost all services take place in the client's home or the community
- **Accessibility and Responsiveness**
24 hours a day, 7 days a week on-call. Families are given as much time as they need, when they need it; allowing for close monitoring of potentially dangerous situations.
- **Intensity**
Services are time-limited and concentrated in a period targeted at 4 weeks. The service is designed to resolve the immediate crisis, and teach the skills necessary for the family to remain together. Each family receives an average of 40 to 50 hours of direct service.
- **Flexibility**
Services are provided when and where families wish

HOMEBUILDERS VALUES & BELIEFS

- It is best for children to be raised by their own family whenever possible
- Safety is our highest priority
- Reducing barriers to service improves family outcomes
- Family members are our colleagues and partners
- Providing information and teaching skills
- Empowers families to become self-sufficient
- We cannot predict which situations are most amenable to change
- It is our job to motivate families and instill hope
- All people have the ability to change
- A crisis is an opportunity for change
- We respect families for their diverse culture, ethnicity, and religious beliefs
- Family members do not usually intend to harm one another
- People are doing the best they can
- Inappropriate intervention can do harm

REFERRALS

Referrals are currently being taken via phone by:

Brenda Butler (412) 412-445-7976

As a referral please be prepared to provide:

- What would happen to the child if Homebuilders was not available
- What less intensive services have been tried
- Child's permanency plan should safety be maintained
- Information regarding discussion with caregiver(s) about the risk of placement
- Caregiver(s) availability for an intake session within 24 hours of referral
- Information regarding the caregiver(s) response to the intensity of service (40 hours of direct service over 4 weeks), and at least one caregiver(s) commitment to participate

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- Primary caregivers (In home during intervention)
- Other adults in the home
- Youth identified for services
- Other youth or siblings in the home
- Incidents of serious family conflict (parent-child conflict only; not domestic violence)
- Risk of substantial harm to health, safety and welfare to child
- Current placement issues
- Reason for referral (describe the current events that precipitated this referral, including dates and risk factors)
- History of CPS involvement
- The potential for physical violence/domestic violence
- Anyone restricted from contact
- Court Hearings/Involvement
- Our only referral source is Allegheny County Children, Youth and Families



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