

## ACCOUNTABILITY

The primary objective of Family Preservation is to help families acquire the skills necessary to keep their children in the home.

The referring child protection worker is advised of the family's progress weekly. At the end of the program a detailed report of progress is given to Child Protection Services with recommendations for further service.

These beliefs and values are fundamental and essential to how service is provided.

### We Believe:

1. In the integrity of the family - children should live with their families whenever safe to do so.
2. In the right for children to have a safe and nurturing home.
3. Many family problems occur due to lack of skills and supports.
4. Positive change inspires hope and optimism, and increases motivation for continued change.
5. Change can be best achieved by recognizing and using individual and family strengths.
6. Families are our partners, and are active in services.



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Keeping Families Together

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The purpose of the SIGN Family Preservation Program is to keep families safe and together.

### PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

All referrals are made by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Social Services, Family Services Workers. It must be determined that:

- The family resides within the service area of Yorkton Ministry of Social Services
- A child is in need of protection according to *The Child and Family Services Act*
- Alternative out of home placement is imminent
- Other services in the community would be unable to provide the intensive supports suited to the needs of the family
- Children will be returned to the home within 30 days of referral

### CORE FAMILY PRESERVATION COMPONENTS

*Family Preservation is a concentrated, time limited family support service, created to stabilize and strengthen the family unit.*

- Families begin face-to-face services within 5 days of referral
- Flexible and responsive services in the home and the community
- Interactive goal setting and review with families
- Safety plans are created with the family regularly
- Families receive 8 to 20 hours / week of service for 6 to 12 weeks
- Families receive follow up meetings four times in the year after completing the program at 2, 4, 6 and 12 months.



**Participation in this program is voluntary.**

Eligible families include those experiencing issues related to child neglect and abuse, mental illness, family violence, child behaviour issues and parent-teen conflict.

### FLEXIBILITY

Family Preservation Workers will help and assist to address individual and family needs.

Plans focus on specific issues which led to child protection concerns, as well as particular needs, wishes and learning styles of each family.

Family Preservation Workers provide information on child development, effective parenting, mood management skills, communication, assertiveness, and problem solving methods. They also teach families basic life skills, such as how to use the transportation system, budgeting, making child care arrangements, and how to use other agencies for support.

