

THE FAMILY REUNIFICATION PROGRAM BELIEVES

CHILDREN HAVE A RIGHT TO THEIR FAMILY

THE FAMILY IS THE FOCAL POINT OF CHILD WELFARE SERVICES

OUR FIRST AND GREATEST INVESTMENT IS TO THE CARE AND TREATMENT OF CHILDREN IN THEIR OWN HOMES

PARENTS SHOULD BE SUPPORTED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO CARE FOR THEIR CHILDREN

IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CHILD FOR HIS OR HER FAMILY TO REMAIN INTACT IN THE ABSENCE OF COMPELLING EVIDENCE TO THE CONTRARY

FAMILIES ARE DIVERSE AND HAVE A RIGHT TO BE RESPECTED FOR THE SPECIAL CULTURAL, RACIAL, ETHNIC AND RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS THAT MAKE FAMILIES DISTINCT

CHILDREN CAN BE REARED WELL IN DIFFERENT KINDS OF FAMILIES AND ONE FAMILY FORM SHOULD NOT BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST IN FAVOR OF ANOTHER



Family Reunification Program Location:

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Orchards Children's Services serving Wayne, Washtenaw, Oakland, Macomb and Genesee Counties.

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STRENGTHENING THE COMMUNITY THROUGH QUALITY SERVICES TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES





FAMILY REUNIFICATION PROGRAM (FRP)

FRP provides an array of intensive, in-home services that are specifically designed to enable children and families with substantiated child abuse and/or neglect to reunify in a more expedient manner.

The FRP staff assures immediate availability, 24 hours, seven days a week to assure child safety upon return from out-of-home care. The services are strength based, and focus on child safety. Services are at least four hours per week for approximately four to six months. The workers provide at least double the service time the first two weeks the children are returned to their parents' care. (State of Michigan, June 2009).

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The FRP is available to families who have a child who is a temporary ward, residing in out-of-home placement due to abuse or neglect that can be returned home with intensive services within 30 days of the referral and up to 48 hours after the children's return home.

Out-of-home placement includes, but is not limited to;

- residential treatment,
- family foster care,
- group family foster care,
- relative placement and
- psychiatric hospitalization.

FRP MODEL

- **Teams of 3:** 1 Master Level Team Leader & 2 Bachelor's Level Family Workers
- **12 Families** served per team at one time, 32-36 families served per year/per team
- **Service Duration:** 4 months, with a possible 2-month extension
- **24 hours, 7 days** availability via agency issued cell phones
- **Specific Assistance** to meet family needs after other resources are explored
- **Direct Therapeutic Services**
- **Supportive & Concrete Services**
- **Thorough, on-going strengths, needs, and safety risk assessments**
- **Initial Service Plan:** includes goals, action plans & progress
- **Respite Care** available
- **Parenting Classes** offered throughout their intervention
- **Parenting & Family Workshops** offered Quarterly
- **Family Activities** offered Quarterly

TESTIMONIALS

"...I never knew how good of a mom I was until I worked with FRP"

"...I sure had fun on the going outings with my family"

"...I knew I could call them anytime and after a couple of weeks I knew what to do without calling them"

"...the summer camps, Christmas toys, Thanksgiving turkeys, even Halloween candy, the Orchards' FRP really hooked us up when we needed it most"

"...I got a bike and my little sista got one too and the worker ladies that came over all the time made my mom happy"

"...being a single father it's hard out there, the Orchards made me feel strong and my children too"

"...we got to go see the Lions loose cause the Orchards gave me and my mom tickets – I bet we were even on TV but I didn't see it"

"...the (FRP Team) taught me how to keep up with a budget and how to believe in myself – both are pretty important"