

Accountability

The primary objective of IFPS 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.

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 stimulates hope and optimism, and increases motivation for continued change.
5. Change can be best achieved by recognizing and using individual and family strengths.
6. Clients are our colleagues, and are active in treatment.

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

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Intensive Family Preservation Services

Services to keep families together.



The purpose of Ranch Ehrlo's Intensive Family Preservation Services (IFPS) program is to keep families together.

Intensive Family Preservation Services are based on an evidence-based program that focuses on time-limited, intensive and home-based services designed to stabilize and strengthen families. Intensive services are family-focused, child-centered, goal-oriented, and provide in-home skill-building and after-care supports and linkages.



Core IFPS components:

- Quick response
- 24/7 intake and availability for clients
- Face to face contact within 24 hours, whenever possible
- Service in the family home
- Single therapist with team back-up
- Flexibility and responsiveness of services
- Interactive assessment and goal-setting for families
- Safety plan for family created during first visitation
- Average face to face time with families is 10-20 hours per week

Program eligibility

All referrals are made by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Social Service Family Service workers. It must be determined that:

- 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 prevent placement or provide supports suited to the needs of the family
- Participation is voluntary
- Eligible families include those experiencing issues related to child neglect, physical or sexual abuse, mental illness, family violence, children out of parental control, and parent-teen conflict.

Accessibility and responsiveness

Therapists work with the family, for a period of six-

to-eight weeks, in their home when problems occur. Follow-up visits may be scheduled depending on the need of the clients. Families are given as much time in the program as they need and help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Flexibility

Therapists use a variety of treatment techniques to address individual family needs. Treatment plans focus on the specific issues which led to child protection concerns, as well as the particular needs, wishes, and learning styles of each family.

Family preservation therapists provide counselling in child development, effective parenting, mood management skills, communication, assertiveness, and problem solving methods. Therapists 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.