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Intact Family Services Program

Overview

Catholic Charities Intact Family Services program provides in-home counseling and case management services to families referred by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DFCS) due to allegations of child abuse and neglect. Intact Family Services works with families voluntarily in Cook County to promote family stability by maintaining, strengthening, and safeguarding the functioning of families through:

- Preventing substitute care placement
- Ensuring the safety, permanency, and well-being of children
- Facilitating a safe and stable family environment

Staff members work to build trust and create a system of support for the parents and the children, which will reduce stress on the family system and allow all members to learn healthier ways to interact. Intact Family Services helps families face and overcome daunting interrelated issues including poverty, domestic violence, substance abuse, mental illness, unemployment, homelessness, and the strain of living in an area with community violence.

Catholic Charities Child, Youth, and Family Services work to empower children, youth, and their families to develop stability and self-reliance by enhancing their education, health, safety, and connections to their community. Intact Family Services makes intensive efforts to preserve families and enable children to remain safely at home in order to avoid separation and/or substitute placement.

Services

Primary components of the Intact Family Services Program include:

- **Professional Assessment** of family issues that led to the involvement of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services
- **Short-term Arrangement** of appropriate plans to assure the safety of the children
- **Direct Intervention** by connecting families to services that create a stable family environment, including counseling, stable housing, special education plans, and recreational programming
- **Referral to Community Services** to ensure stability of the family in the future, so that parents are not left alone to do the difficult job of raising children with scarce resources

Location

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