

HOME TO STAY SERVICES



Home to Stay is an intensive family support program designed to strengthen and stabilize the entire family system. Families may be at risk of placement breakdown, in need of support after an adoption or recent change in guardianship, or involved in the Child Welfare system preparing for reunification.

Care Managers work one-on-one with caregivers to identify and address need areas by providing trauma-informed services that include case management, advocacy, psycho-education, parenting support, and community linkage. Once the family system is strengthened and stabilized, our goal is that each child will be “home to stay.”

Time Frame to Meet with Family

The Home to Stay Program will facilitate an initial Family Team Conference (FTC) with the family, Case Management Organization (CMO), GAP Program, and any natural supports and/or other service providers in the family's home approximately 60 days prior to the reunification of children.

Worker Availability

The Home to Stay program offers support 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Parent-Child Visitation and Time Frame to Return Child Home

Once a referral is received and assigned, families are able to initiate services. While families involved in the child welfare system may already have a reunification date or be approved for unsupervised visitation, this is not a requirement to begin services.



Family Assessments

Each family completes a North Carolina Family Assessment Scale (NCFAS) to measure the level of family functioning during the opening process. It is critical for the worker to link all assessments to case planning, goal setting, determination of needed services, monitoring the family's progress, and evaluation. This will be a key component during the initial FTC and will formulate the resulting Action Plan.

Direct Service Hours

The total direct service hours for face-to-face and telephone contact with the family will range from 36 to 144 hours or more during the program and will be based solely on the individual needs of each family.

Length of Intervention

The range of service length is individualized depending on the needs of each family. It is typically between four to six months (60 days pre-reunification and two+ months).

Concrete Services

For families experiencing financial stressors, funds are available to assist with basic needs (rent, utilities, food, car repair, etc.). The average amount is \$300 to \$500 per family.

Booster Services

All families will continue to receive booster services for a period of time following discharge from the Home to Stay program. This provides continuity of care as families transition out of intensive services and encourage family success.



Referrals

No referrals will be turned away or refused due to full caseloads.

Referrals are accepted via MindShare, Encrypted Email, or Fax
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