

## **CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL**

### **CHANGE NUMBER #01-2017**

**DATE:** FEBRUARY 1, 2017

**MANUAL:** CHILD WELFARE SERVICES MANUAL. INTENSIVE FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES.

**TO:** DIRECTORS OF COUNTY CHILD WELFARE AGENCIES

**ATTENTION:** CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, MANAGERS, SUPERVISORS, AND SOCIAL WORKERS  
  
COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS OPERATING IFPS PROGRAMS

**RE:** REVISION OF INTENSIVE FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES PROGRAM

**EFFECTIVE:** FEBRUARY 1, 2017

#### **I. BACKGROUND | CHANGE INTENT**

Chapter I: Intensive Family Preservation Services policy changes in program design direction regarding the delivery of services designed to prevent unnecessary placement of children away from their families. Through the provision of these services aimed at restoring families in crisis to an acceptable level of functioning delivered within a System of Care framework. The revisions have been made to reflect the.

#### **II. SPECIFIC CHANGES**

- Adding North Carolina General Statutes to the policy as appropriate.
- Additional eligibility of providing services to a family with a substantiation of abuse without the requirement of there being a “high” risk rating on the Risk Assessment or the Risk Re-Assessment.
- The availability to administer flexible monies averaging \$500 per family. These funds can be used to purchase concrete supports, such as furniture, utilities, and respite care.
- The added requirement that the referring county child welfare agency must provide a copy of the Case Decision Summary / Initial Family Services Agreement or the Case Decision portion (Section XI) of the Structured Documentation Instrument for CPS Assessments (DSS-5010).

### III. INSTRUCTIONS

Please note the above changes to Intensive Family Preservation Services program and begin using the revised manual as of February 1, 2017.

Questions related to the Intensive Family Preservation Services program should be directed to Deborah Day in the Community-Based Programs Office at [deborah.day@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:deborah.day@dhhs.nc.gov).

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<b>CHILD WELFARE SERVICES MANUAL</b>	<b>CHILD WELFARE SERVICES MANUAL</b>
<b>CHAPTER I</b>	<b>CHAPTER I</b>
<b>INTENSIVE FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES (CHANGE 07-2013)</b>	<b>INTENSIVE FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES (CHANGE 01-2017)</b>

Sincerely,



Kevin Kelley, Section Chief