

CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES
STANDARDS FOR EFFECTIVE PRACTICE

STANDARDS FOR INTENSIVE FAMILY-BASED SERVICES

4.2 THE COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY ASSESSMENT AND INTENSIVE FAMILY-BASED SERVICES

Council on Accreditation Standard

The Council on Accreditation Standards S20.1 (Access to Services) and S20.2 (Additional Access Requirements for Intensive Family Preservation Programs) link to and support Standard 4.2 *The Comprehensive Family Assessment and Intensive Family-Based Services*.

Administrative Code

The Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5101:2-39-08 (Requirements for PCSA Case Plan for In-Home Supportive Services: No Court Order) addresses Standard 4.2 *The Comprehensive Family Assessment and Intensive Family-Based Services*.

I. Philosophy

Intensive Family-Based Services (IFBS) recognizes the family as the primary social institution. In this context, IFBS staff recognizes that no one person in the family is the problem, the problem is within the family system. Therefore, the comprehensive family assessment, service, and treatment focus on the family system, rather than any one individual within the family. The assessment process focuses on family strengths to develop an effective family case plan. The case plan identifies action steps to assure child safety and family stabilization. The IFBS staff joins with the family to participate in the comprehensive family assessment. This is an ongoing process which originates at the time the case is opened and concludes at the time of case closure.

II. Outcome

The family, in partnership with the agency, completes and revises the family assessment.

III. Evaluation

FACSIS events, CPOE and the Federal Health and Human Services outcomes may be considered when evaluating this standard. In addition, the CFSA may consider the following:

- timeliness of completion (based on agency standards);
- percentage of families in the program that participate in the case planning process to total number of families in the program, to total number of agency family cases where the family actively develops the case plan with agency staff.

IV. Standards for Implementation

Following the selection of program participants (see Standard 4.1 *Selection of Participants for the IFBS Program*), IFBS staff should consider the following standards when providing IFBS services:

- a. Upon receiving the case, IFBS staff and family should continue the assessment process;
- b. The family and staff should mutually agree on the individuals who will be requested to participate in the face-to-face assessment process. Potential participants should include, but not be limited to:

- i. the family;
 - ii. the non-custodial parent;
 - iii. both sets of grandparents;
 - iv. the extended family members determined to be significant to the family and child;
 - v. other individuals identified by the family;
 - vi. any collateral sources involved with the family;
- c. Program staff, with the family, should schedule and complete the initial comprehensive family assessment within ten days of acceptance into the program. This mutual process should include, but not be limited to:
- i. reviewing family history, including completion of a genogram and ecomap (see Standard 2.13, *Genogram* and Standard 2.14, *Ecomap*);
 - ii. reviewing the most recent risk assessment and safety plan;
 - iii. reviewing the level of continued family commitment to reduce future risk of child maltreatment;
 - iv. assessing availability of culturally relevant services and willingness and ability of family to use these;
 - v. sharing ideas regarding how extended family members, neighbors and friends may be supportive to the family and in the care of the child;
- d. After completing the assessment, the identified family members and IFBS staff should meet to design and sign the family's case plan;
- e. To assure the plan continues to accurately respond to the needs of the family, the IFBS staff and family should regularly update the assessment through weekly discussions; and
- f. As part of the transfer/closure process, the family and staff should review the assessment and review and update the risk assessment to assure child safety and evaluate family stabilization (see Standard 4.7, *Case Closure and IFBS*).

V. Financial Implications

Costs associated with the comprehensive assessment of the family's strengths and needs is as follows:

Family Assessment: 8 hours @ \$81.21/hour = \$649.68 (direct service time only).