



**FAMILY-CENTERED,
NEIGHBORHOOD BASED SERVICES
aka FAMILY 2 FAMILY**

DEAR NEIGHBOR,

HI! I'M 8 YEARS OLD, AND THIS IS A PICTURE OF MY NEIGHBORHOOD. ALL OF MY FRIENDS ARE HERE, SO IS MY SCHOOL. MY MOM TAKES CARE OF US. DAD LEFT A WHILE AGO AND NEVER CAME BACK. SOMETIMES THINGS GET CONFUSING. MY MOM GETS UPSET. SHE SEEMS REAL UNHAPPY. OUR GRANDMA SAYS MOM IS DEPRESSED. MY SISTER AND ME AREN'T SURE WHO TO TALK TO WHEN WE RUN OUT OF FOOD OR WHEN OUR CLOTHES NEED WASHING. WE HAVE A SOCIAL WORKER WHO IS REAL NICE, BUT SOMETIMES I JUST WANT A FRIEND. JUST LIKE MR. ROGERS SAYS, WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?

As part of the **FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL**, you can help support children in their own neighborhoods. Work with the local child welfare agency and the communities that have the largest number of child referrals and removals to identify services that can be brought in to support neighborhood-based services in these communities.

Partner with Council members to bring services to isolated families. Design preventive strategies to educate county members on abuse and neglect, set up a system for identifying and addressing the needs of vulnerable families before child abuse or neglect occurs. Participate in the development of neighborhood-based collaborative to assist in the prevention of future, and intervention of current cases of abuse and neglect. When called, attend and actively participate in the Family Case Conference process.