

Kentucky Family Preservation Services FACT SHEET

Family preservation services are:

- available in every county (120 counties)
- operated through a state network of nonprofit contract agencies with coordination and referral at the regional DCBS office.
- implemented within 96 hours of a DCBS referral
- available 24/7 to work with the family.

Family preservation services teach:

- life-skills
- promotes and models positive parenting
- connects families with community services.

Family preservation services are used to:

- prevent entry into out of home care
- speed and support reunification with parents
- maintain adoptive and relative placements.

A range of in-home services are available in Kentucky for families with varying risks and needs for short term or longer term reinforcement and support.

Service	Duration	Intensity	Conditions/Limitations
Intensive Family Preservation Services (IFPS)	Average 4-6 weeks	8-10 direct service hrs/week	Imminent risk of removal from home
Family Reunification Services (FRS)	Average 6-17 weeks	3-8 direct service hrs/week	Child returning home with 15 month period
Family Preservation Services (FPS)	Average 4 - 27 weeks	3-8 direct service hrs/week	Imminent risk of removal or child in OOHC to be reunified
Families and Children Together Safely (FACTS)	Average 4 – 27 weeks	3-8 direct service hrs/week	Imminent risk of removal or child in OOHC to be reunified
Diversion Program	Average 16-24 weeks	5-10 direct service hrs/week	Imminent risk of removal and other mental health needs

Family preservation services do make a positive impact for Kentucky:

- Only 7.1% of all children and families served by these services had a stay in out of home care that began *after* the services.
- Only 2.7% of families completing services had subsequent substantiated referral within six months of ending services.