Intensive Family Reunification Services NC Division of Social Services

Goal of Services:

To support the family in correcting the conditions which led to the child(ren)'s removal & build protective factors thus enabling the family to safely parent the child(ren) in their own home

Eligibility

- All cases are DSS referred
- Families who will be reunified with a child in foster care within 30 days

Based on Homebuilders Model:

- 24-hour/7-day availability
- Primarily in the child's home
- 8-12 weeks, 6 hours/week face-to-face contact
- Evidence-Based

Services Offered:

- Assessing risk & developing a safety plan
- Teaching parenting, budgeting & homemaking skills
- Family/individual/marital counseling
- Aiding the family in meeting medical needs
- Assisting the family with transportation
- Linking the family with concrete & follow-up services
- Flex funds (average \$300/family)

Outcomes & Measurement:

- Family is safely intact at case closure & 3/6/12 month follow-up
- Family improves parenting & life skills (NC Family Assessment Scale)
- Family is satisfied with their worker (Satisfaction Survey)

Providers & Contacts (see map on next page):

- Regions 1, 2, 3: *Barium Springs Home for Children* Celeste Dominguez, 704-880-2316, <u>cdominguez@bariumsprings.org</u>
- Regions 4, 8, 9: *Children's Home Society* Patricia Jarvis, 800-632-1400, <u>pjarvis@chsnc.org</u>
- Regions 5 & 6: *Exchange Club/SCAN* Cynthia Napolean-Hanger, 336-748-9028, <u>cynthia.hanger@ exchangescan.org</u>
- Region 7: *Eckerd Youth Alternatives* Erin McQueen, 910-633-4864, <u>EMcQueen@eckerd.org</u>
- Regions 10 & 11: *Methodist Home for Children* Teneisha Towe, 888-305-4321, <u>ttowe@mhfc.org</u>

Federal Funding:

- Adoption & Safe Families Act of 1997 (PL 105-89)
- Promoting Safe & Stable Families Amendments of 2001 (Title IV-B, Subpart B of Social Security Act)
- Current contracts 7/1/10-6/30/13

Local DSS's Role:

- Refer eligible families & provide documentation to verify eligibility
- Participate in Child & Family Team Meetings and Service Plan development
- Provide updates about the family's reunification plan (if goal changes, IFRS services cease immediately)

IFRS Regions

