

Policy Title:	Protective Services and Court-Ordered Supervision – Policy		
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Procedures

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References

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Reference(s):

- None

Form(s) that apply:

- None referenced.

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Purpose

This policy elaborates on the casework services to be provided to families in need of protective services and court-ordered supervision.

Procedure

(1) Services to Parent(s):

(a) While working with the parent(s) the child(ren) should be observed on a regular basis;

(b) When appropriate, both parents should be involved in the treatment process;

(c) Whenever possible, the problems to be worked on and their order of priority should be agreed upon by the parents and the worker;

(d) Content of the interview should be focused on one or more of the following areas:

(A) The progress that has been made since the last interview in problem solving in area designated for attention;

(B) Difficulties or barriers that have been experienced in the above areas;

(C) Individualization of the children, focusing on their problems, improvements, their strengths and weaknesses, and their overall development;

(D) Helping the parents to verbally express themselves;

(E) Helping the parents develop understanding and insight into their own problems and feelings as they relate to their own parents, their immediate family, and other people in general;

(F) The problem areas that will be worked on before the next interview;

(G) Evaluation with parents of what occurred during the interview;

(H) Setting goals and limits.

(2) Direct Services to Children:

(a) In providing casework services to the child(ren) the worker should consider:

(A) Age of the child, both chronologically and developmentally;

(B) Nature of the problem;

(C) Readiness of the child to accept casework services;

(D) The willingness of the parents to permit direct casework services to the child(ren).

(b) Casework services should be provided to child(ren) when:

(A) They need help in understanding what is happening while the agency is providing services to their parents;

(B) They need help in understanding their own feelings about their parents' inadequacies;

(C) There are crises in the family;

(D) They need casework services in order to resolve problems of adjustment.

(3) Ongoing Service Areas to be Addressed:

(a) Problems needing attention;

(b) The role each parent is assuming in meeting the needs of the family;

(c) The motivation of each parent in resolving family problems;

(d) The support members of the family are giving to each other in reducing conflict and developing better understanding;

(e) The abilities, talents, and skills of the parents and children that can be used constructively in resolving family problems;

(f) Areas in which the family is achieving success;

(g) Changes in the parents' attitude toward the agency and the worker;

(h) Treatment objectives that can be achieved by the casework process;

(i) Treatment objectives that can be achieved by utilizing other resources;

(j) The pace that progress can be expected in specific areas;

(k) Changes that have occurred in the parents' expectations and treatment of the children;

(l) Improvement in appearances, health, school adjustment, and attitudes of the children;

(m) Reaction of the parents to the worker's relationship with the children;

(n) The frequency with which family crises occur;

(o) Increased initiative and energy in the parents in their daily living;

- (p) The ability of the parents to relax in family relationship;
- (q) Broader and/or more constructive social involvements;
- (r) Extent of the use of drugs or alcohol;
- (s) Improvement in financial functioning by better planning and/or increase in income.

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