



## Family Preservation and Parenting Support

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At Family & Children Services we strive to keep families together and prevent the removal of children from their birth homes. In cases where removal is necessary, we work to make it temporary - our goal is to return children to their homes as quickly as possible. Part of this is done by offering a variety of family preservation services to the families of Calhoun County.

This menu of services was created as a guide to assist you in determining what services might be the best for each of your families. Inside, you will see a continuum of services that are offered, eligibility criteria, and how to make a referral.

The continuum of Family Preservation Services that are offered to Calhoun County are as follows;

**(least intense to most intense)**

- Supportive Visitation
- Foster Care Supportive Visitation
- Family Advocate
- Families Together Building Solutions



least intense

most intense

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Calhoun County



## Supportive Visitation

The Supportive Visitation program is designed to be utilized by Calhoun County DHHS Foster Care staff. The Supportive Visitation role is to provide parent(s) with increased support during parenting time and model appropriate parent skills and interactions. The Supportive Visitation Coach is available on weekends and evenings and is able to provide up to (1) hour of parenting time coverage. The visits can take place at Calhoun County MDHHS.

### Who is eligible?

- All families with an open MDHHS Calhoun County
- Foster Care case.
- Parents that are actively participating in parenting times.

### To make a referral please contact:

Amanda Rogers at (269) 370-6811.



## Foster Care Supportive Visitation

The Foster Care Supportive Visitation program is designed to provide Calhoun, Branch and Kalamazoo County hands-on parenting education for their families. The program was formerly known as Home Again. The Visit Coach provides pre and post visit education to the family on specific parenting skills. The evidence-based Nurturing Parenting Program is the model that is used.

### Who is eligible?

- All families with open DHHS or PAFC foster care cases in Calhoun, Branch, and Kalamazoo counties.
- Families whose children have been in out-of-home placement for 8 months or less and whose current goal is reunification.

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Amanda Rogers at (269) 370-6811.



## Family Advocate

The Family Advocate program is intended to serve families that have been identified as high risk by Children's Protective Services. The families that are served in this program can expect a strength-based approach using the Nurturing Parenting Program as a model of service. The Family Advocate will work with the family on areas such as parenting skills education, access to community resources, communication and conflict resolution, transportation assistance, and life/home management skills. This service can work with a family for up to six months and families must commit to a minimum of one to four hours per week. The referring worker will receive a monthly summary of services as well as a pre and post parenting skills assessment.

### Who is eligible?

- Any parent or primary caregiver in Calhoun County who has an open DHHS Category I, II, III, or IV, Foster Care or Delinquency case.
- Any parent who has had an open CPS investigation within the past 18 months that has been substantiated.
- Any family that has completed Families First services or Families Together Building Solutions services and needs additional services.

### To make a referral please contact:

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## Families Together Building Solutions

Families Together Building Solutions (FTBS) is an in-home service that works with families who are experiencing issues related to child and family well-being and are in need of supportive assistance. The families will receive intense services to assist with hands on parenting support, connection with community resources, building positive relationships, advocacy, household management, budgeting, and counseling referrals.

### Who is eligible?

The FTBS service is a high intensity service that works with the parent or primary caregiver in Calhoun County who may have the following;

- An open CPS Category I, II, III, or IV case, Foster Care or Delinquency case.
- A parent who had an open case that was closed in the last 18 months.
- A parent who had a CPS investigation in the last 18 months.
- Any parent who has had 3 or more rejected CPS complaints.
- To be used as a step-down program when Families First is closing.
- Any parent who has completed the Family Reunification Program and is in need of additional services.
- Families that have an open Category I or II case and no longer qualify for Families First services.
- Families that are identified as needing support by a DHHS Success Coach.

### To make a referral please contact:

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