

Dubbo

Intensive Family Based Service

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About the program

The Intensive Family Based Service will deliver intensive in-home based family support services to families with children aged 0-15years residing in Dubbo that have been referred by Family and Community Services and are at imminent risk of children being removed.

Eligibility

For families to be eligible for the Intensive Family Based service, they must be experiencing one or more of the following key priority areas:

- High and complex needs
- Domestic violence
- Mental health
- Drug and Alcohol abuse
- Current child protection concerns
- Risk /imminent risk of children being placed in out of home care due to safety concerns.

Objective

Intensive Family Based Service will work in partnership with families to develop goal centred case plans that are aimed at achieving the following:

- *Increasing children's safety and wellbeing*
- *Increased social support*
- *Improved parenting skills and capacity*

- *Improved skills in problem solving and financial management*
- *Crisis situations stabilised*
- *Strengthened family bonds and relationships*
- *Improved household living situations*
- *Sustainable household routines*
- *Keeping the family together.*

Referral

Family and Community Services

Services

The Intensive Family Based Service has four service components:

- Support and advocacy to address individualise case plans for the better of families, advocating to organisations on issues identified in the case plans.
- Brokerage to meet the needs of families by purchasing assistance depending on their individual needs
- Case management to provide a comprehensive assessment of families needs and to develop in partnership with the families and case management plan which identifies goals and strategies to address issues identified in the initial assessment.
- Support services will be predominantly delivered on an in-home visiting model and will be delivered at the times that most suit the families' needs, including 24/7 on call support for families in the initial 12 weeks of the program.
- After the initial 12 week intensive period, the families can be supported for a further 40 weeks on a less intensive base.

Funding

The Intensive Family Preservation Program is funded through Family and Community Services as part of the Early Intervention and Placement Prevention Programs.

Key facts

The Intensive Family Preservation program will draw upon the principles and standards of the Home Builder's model and will work with families within a strength based solution focused framework.

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The Intensive Family Based program is funded as part of the Early Intervention and Placement Prevention Program for the Orana Far West Region and as such will work closely with a range of service providers and programs within this region to ensure that families are well linked into their local support networks and that their long term, ongoing support needs are met.