



Protect MiFamily

Michigan's IV-E Waiver Project

Target Population

Families determined by Children's Protective Services to be at high or intensive risk for future maltreatment.

Families with at least one household child who is age 0-5.

Families must reside in Macomb, Kalamazoo, or Muskegon Counties.

Key Partners

Waiver families.

Children's Protective Services.

Catholic Charities of West Michigan.

Lutheran Social Services of Michigan.

Westat.

University of Michigan.

Substance abuse, mental health and domestic violence community service providers.

Prevention, early education and maternal/infant supports.

Intervention(s) and EBPs

Strengthening Families, A Protective Factors approach (Center for the Study of Social Policy).

Parent-Infant Psychotherapy.

Child –Parent Psychotherapy.

Early On Assessment and Intervention.

Early Head Start.

Trauma-focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy.

Parent-Child Interaction Therapy.

Healthy Baby Healthy Start.

Incredible Years.

Nurse-Family Partnership.

Healthy Families America.

Safety assessment and planning.

Concrete assistance funds.

Family team meeting.

Performance based contracts.

Evaluation Design

Michigan will implement an experimental research design with random assignment to experimental and control groups.

Using a 2:1 sampling ratio, the State anticipates enrolling 300 families per year to the experimental group and 150 families per year to the control group over the five-year demonstration period, for a total sample of 2,250.

Assessment Tools

Bright Futures Family Psychosocial Screen (Kemper KJ. & Kelleher KJ. 1996).

Protective Factors Survey (FRIENDS National Resource Center for Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention & the University of Kansas Institute for Educational Research & Public Service).

The Trauma Screening Checklist 0-5 (Southwest Michigan Children's Trauma Assessment Center).

Devereux Early Childhood Assessment –Preschool, Infants and Toddlers.

DHS Structured Decision Making Tools: Risk Reassessment, Safety Reassessment.

Project Outcomes

Increased parental capacity to safely care for children as determined by the Protective Factors Survey.

Decreased risk of maltreatment and increased safety as determined by the SDM Risk and Safety Reassessments.

Improved child social and emotional wellbeing as determined by the Devereux Early Childhood Assessment.

Decreased maltreatment and recidivism as determined by the absence of confirmed CPS investigation.

Decreased court-ordered removal and out-of-home placement for children age 0-5.

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