

## About the Team

**Family Enhancement Program:** Through extensive interviews and observations, the program staff works with each family to assess areas with which families need assistance. We use the information that we gather from family members, other agencies involved with each family, and our own assessment to create an individualized plan that outlines goals for the family.

**KU Child and Family Services Clinic:** The mission of the Child & Family Services Clinic is to provide affordable, quality mental health care to the children and families of the Lawrence community and surrounding areas. We are a training clinic for the Ph.D. graduate students of the Clinical Child Psychology program at the University of Kansas.

**Bert Nash Community Mental Health Center:** Experienced staff helps children and families with the stress related to family relationships, the challenges of parenting, blending families, the impact of divorce or making ends meet. A variety of helping strategies, often provided in the home or other natural settings and based on an individual child's and family's needs, are used. These include individual, couple, group and family therapy, parent support groups, psychological evaluations and medications.

**Parents As Teachers:** Certified parent educators focus on the early years, prenatal through age 3, to help parents understand what to expect during each stage of their child's development. Parent educators offer parents practical ways to encourage learning, manage challenging behavior, and promote strong parent-child relationships.

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Helping all children succeed for life.

## Family Resource Team

*A Collaborative Project of:*

- *The Success By 6 Coalition of  
Lawrence Partnership for  
Children and Youth*
- *Bert Nash Community Mental Health  
Center*
- *Family Enhancement Program of  
Community Living Opportunities*
- *KU Child and Family Services Clinic*
- *Parents as Teachers of USD 497  
Early Education Programs*



## MOBILE FAMILY RESOURCE TEAM

### Purpose

To provide primary prevention services for overburdened families of young children through intensive, home-based case management and counseling services.

### Need

Overburdened families often experience a need for assistance with family life management issues that affect parenting.

In many cases, no source for such services is available, because without an established diagnosis or disability, the family does not meet the eligibility criteria for existing services.

Such families remain without services until a crisis propels them into the protective services system. This represents lost opportunity for primary prevention.

Many times the family's need for services goes unidentified until the child enters elementary school where behavioral or emotional problems interfere with the child's readiness to learn.

### Services

Through a grant from Smart Start, Kansas, families will be offered *at no charge*:

- *Home based services*
- *Assistance with family life management*
- *Parenting education*
- *Mental health counseling*

## Eligibility

- ✓ At least one child in family is age 4 or under.
- ✓ Referring agency or family identifies need for intensive, home-based family support services, including case management and/or family counseling.
- ✓ Family voluntarily accepts services of Family Resource Specialist.
- ✓ Due to the emphasis on primary prevention and the limited number of families who can be served, preference for services will be given to families who:
  - 1) Are not currently involved with the protective services system for any child
  - 2) Do not qualify for intensive family support services through another program or funding source.
- ✓ Priority for services will be given to those most in need.

## Referral Procedures

Referrals are accepted from three sources:

- 1) Health and social service providers
- 2) Child-care providers
- 3) Self referral by families

Please return completed referral to:

### **Family Resource Team**

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