

# Informing Families



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## Intensive Behavior Support Services

### A New Program to Prevent Children's Out-of-Home Placement



#### Who:

Families struggling to support their child at home due to the intensity of their child's behavioral challenges may be eligible for a new program.



#### What:

The Division of Developmental Disabilities is developing a new Medicaid home and community-based demonstration waiver for families with children at risk of out-of-home placement. It's called **Intensive Behavior Support**.



#### When:

DDD plans to conduct assessments to determine eligibility for the program, identify needs, and begin to build Individual Support Plans **beginning November 1, 2008**.

#### Eligibility:

In addition to the typical waiver eligibility criteria, eligibility for this new program will be based on a formula within the DDD assessment that will measure the intensity of behavioral challenges and other out-of-home placement risk factors, such as additional stresses in the home and the availability of natural support systems.

#### Services Include:

⚙ Behavior Consultation and Management	⚙ Training for Family Members and Others Working with the Child
⚙ In-Home and Out-of-Home Respite	⚙ Inclusion in Community Activities
⚙ Home & Vehicle Modifications	⚙ Counseling

Services will begin with a functional assessment to determine the child's behaviors, causes, and triggers. The child will receive behavioral therapies tailored to need; families will receive training and consultation on how to make changes in the home environment; and staffing may be put in place to work directly with the child and provide ongoing training to the family.

The intensity and amount of service will be greater under the Intensive Behavior Support program than what is available to recipients of Individual and Family Services and participants on Basic and Basic Plus waivers. Funding is limited to \$48,000 per child per year, and enrollment is capped at 100 children.