

SCHENECTADY SHORT-TERM SERVICES PROGRAM

Parsons Child & Family Center's Schenectady Short-Term Services Program is an intensive case-management service designed to rapidly resolve the concrete and referral needs of families entering the Child Welfare System. By successfully resolving these issues within 90 days of admission to the program, those families served are at reduced risk for being referred to long-term Child Protective Services (CPS). While some families do require long-term protective services, quickly meeting a family's concrete and referral needs is likely to reduce the overall length and scope of the intervention required.

AVAILABLE SERVICES

- Will work closely with CPS Intake and offer families concrete services, advocacy and referral to meet their needs and in most cases, successfully resolve the issues which led to CPS involvement.
- Assist with public assistance, Medicaid, food stamps, SSI, child care, Early Head Start, etc.
- Homelessness prevention and housing search
- Links to food pantries; medical/dental care, Women, Infants and Children (WIC) food and nutrition services, education, parenting education, and vocational programs
- Transportation provided as needed to secure services
- Referral to community resources

BENEFITS

- Linking families to concrete services thereby reducing stress and other risk factors
- Collaborating with other providers to maximize progress
- Linking families to other services and community supports
- Often reduces the length of CPS involvement

Who can access services? Schenectady County families with children from birth to age 18 who may be at risk for placement are eligible for services.

How are services accessed? The Schenectady Prevention Programs is funded by the Schenectady County Department of Social Services(DSS). Contact Schenectady County DSS at 518.388.4570 to request services.

When are services available? Services are available Monday through Friday with appointments scheduled to accommodate the family's school and work commitments.