



# Intensive Family Preservation Program Eligibility



Children's Home Society  
OF NORTH CAROLINA

**(800) 632-1400**  
**www.chsnc.org**

Families eligible for **IFPS services** have at least one child, age–birth through 17 years who is at imminent risk of placement in out-of-home care. Families with adopted children are eligible for referral to the program when it is determined that a disruption in the adoption placement will occur without intensive services.

## For county child welfare agency referred cases:

- There has been a substantiation of abuse, neglect, and/or dependency (as determined by the county child welfare agency prior to the referral to IFPS) and there is a rating of "high" on the Family Risk Assessment (DSS-5230) or the Family Risk Reassessment (DSS-5226).

OR

- There is a substantiation of abuse, but there is no rating of "high" on the Family Risk Assessment (DSS-5230) or Family Risk Reassessment (DSS-5266).

OR

- There has been a finding of Services needed (as determined by the county child welfare agency prior to referral to IFPS) and there is a rating of "high" on the Family Risk Assessment (DSS-5230) or Family Risk Reassessment (DSS-5226).

## For juvenile justice referred cases:

- The juvenile has been placed on Level 2 disposition by the court.

OR

- There has been an adjudication that the juvenile is delinquent or undisciplined, and the juvenile violates protective supervision or probation, or there are new charges.

## For mental health referred cases:

- It is determined by the child's treatment team that if IFPS is not offered, the child would be referred to a residential or inpatient setting

AND

- A standardized assessment tool must be completed demonstrating that the child is at imminent risk of removal from the home if IFPS services are not provided. The Community-Based Programs Team of the North Carolina Division of Social Services must approve the tool utilized prior to referrals based on that tool being accepted.



# To make a referral to the Intensive Family Preservation program:

## BY COUNTY:

### Region 3

Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Watauga, Wilkes:  
Fax: 336-690-5425

### Region 4

Cleveland, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Stanly:  
Fax: 336-303-4168

Union, Cabarrus, Lincoln:  
Fax: 336-790-4944

### Region 8

Durham, Edgecombe, Nash, Wilson, Wayne:  
Fax: 336-790-4248

Franklin, Granville, Johnston, Vance, Wake, Warren:  
Fax: 336-303-4167

To refer a family to Intensive Family Preservation Services, please follow this link to complete the appropriate referral form:

[www.chsnc.org/referral](http://www.chsnc.org/referral)

## What Our Clients are Saying: >>

I had a really good experience with our worker. I felt like I could participate in the program unjudged.

At first I didn't want this, but as I got started and comfortable, I really enjoyed it and learned a lot about my family and myself.

With the program my family was able to make it to a more stable place and that process alone brought us together.

