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**62A-4a-202 In-home services for the preservation of families.**

- (1)
  - (a) Within appropriations from the Legislature and money obtained under Subsection (5), the division shall provide in-home services for the purpose of family preservation to any family with a child whose health and safety is not immediately endangered, when:
    - (i)
      - (A) the child is at risk of being removed from the home; or
      - (B) the family is in crisis; and
    - (ii) the division determines that it is reasonable and appropriate.
  - (b) In determining whether in-home services are reasonable and appropriate, in keeping with the provisions of Subsection 62A-4a-201(1) the child's health, safety, and welfare shall be the paramount concern.
  - (c) The division shall consider whether the services described in Subsection (1)(b):
    - (i) will be effective within a six-month period; and
    - (ii) are likely to prevent continued abuse or neglect of the child.
- (2)
  - (a) The division shall maintain a statewide inventory of in-home services available through public and private agencies or individuals for use by caseworkers.
  - (b) The inventory described in Subsection (2)(a) shall include:
    - (i) the method of accessing each service;
    - (ii) eligibility requirements for each service;
    - (iii) the geographic areas and the number of families that can be served by each service; and
    - (iv) information regarding waiting lists for each service.
- (3)
  - (a) As part of its in-home services for the preservation of families, the division shall provide in-home services in varying degrees of intensity and contact that are specific to the needs of each individual family.
  - (b) As part of its in-home services, the division shall:
    - (i) provide customized assistance;
    - (ii) provide support or interventions that are tailored to the needs of the family;
    - (iii) discuss the family's needs with the parent;
    - (iv) discuss an assistance plan for the family with the parent; and
    - (v) address:
      - (A) the safety of children;
      - (B) the needs of the family; and
      - (C) services necessary to aid in the preservation of the family and a child's ability to remain in the home.
  - (c) In-home services shall be, as practicable, provided within the region that the family resides, using existing division staff.
- (4)
  - (a) The division may use specially trained caseworkers, private providers, or other persons to provide the in-home services described in Subsection (3).
  - (b) The division shall allow a caseworker to be flexible in responding to the needs of each individual family, including:
    - (i) limiting the number of families assigned; and
    - (ii) being available to respond to assigned families within 24 hours.

- (5) To provide, expand, and improve the delivery of in-home services to prevent the removal of children from their homes and promote the preservation of families, the division shall make substantial effort to obtain funding, including:
- (a) federal grants;
  - (b) federal waivers; and
  - (c) private money.

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