



Our Mission

Hope For Youth's Intensive Case Management Program (ICM) is dedicated to keeping children in their biological homes and preventing foster care, if possible. Our Suffolk program also works with children in crisis who are in jeopardy of disrupting their foster care placement.

We are committed to working with families who have severe odds against them, and have an impressive success rate of 75-80% for keeping families together.

We concentrate on preventative solutions to make things easier and better for families and children at risk, and offer therapeutic and day to day practical services, guidance, support, and stability to keep children in their current home environments.

We work exclusively with both the Nassau and Suffolk Counties' Departments of Social Services (DSS) who are the sole referrals sources for each respective county's ICM Program.

We are committed to helping children and their families recover from the damaging effects of poverty, lack of education, separation, domestic violence, substance abuse, psychological trauma, abuse, and/or neglect.

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Intensive Case Management

Nassau County

Our expert professional team includes a Program Director, Supervisor, and two Intensive Case Managers. The program can meet the needs of up to 10 families at any one time.

The Intensive Case Managers are Preventative Workers who work with children in their biological homes to avoid foster care placement.

All of these children are at risk of immediate removal from home and placement into foster care. Without the intervention of the ICM program, the family would likely be separated.

This is a New York State Temporary Assistance for Needing Families (TANF) funded program currently in its second 18 month grant approved term.

Suffolk County

The Suffolk ICM Program covers all of Suffolk County. It is capable of meeting the needs of up to 24 children/families at any one time.

In addition to a Program Director and Supervisor, our expert professional team includes four Intensive Case Managers.

This program is designed to prevent the placement of children into foster care. The ICM program also works with youth currently in foster care, who are disrupting their placement. This program stabilizes the placement and avoids further disruption, multiple placements, and placements in more restrictive settings.

Since 2003, this ICM Program has been County funded through a contract with the Suffolk Department of Social Services.

Special Benefits

Impressive Favorable Child To Staff Ratio

For children living in their biological homes, the ratio is 4 to 1. For children in foster care the ratio is 10 to 1.

Increased Home Visitations

Intensive Case Managers visit every home twice weekly and provide additional support.

Mobile Office Capabilities

Intensive Case Managers can be reached 24/7 through cell phones and lap tops for round the clock communications and emergencies, if necessary.

Family Enrichment Fund

Money has been built into these programs' budgets and can be drawn upon to supplement urgent family needs when determined appropriate.

Impressive Education Qualification

All ICM staff, including the Program Director, Supervisor, and Intensive Case Managers, have their Masters degree in Social Work.

Heavy Interfacing With DSS

ICM staff work very closely with DSS. DSS and Child Protective Services provide ICM staff with all information regarding the families past and current functioning so that ICM staff can provide better assessments and recommendations. There is regular communication between the County and ICM.

Interdisciplinary Team Meetings

Biweekly meetings are held with ICM staff, the County Case Worker, and HFY's Deputy Executive Director, Clinical Director (a licensed Psychologist), and Education Consultant to discuss all cases, review and adjust the service plan as necessary. Every case is reviewed at 30 days and every 60 days thereafter.

Superior Screening Tools

ICM Case Managers conduct home assessment checklists to identify any dangerous physical conditions, and encourage important family feedback about the ICM program through validated screening tools such as the Casey Life Skills Assessment and the Child and Adolescent Strength and Needs Screening.

Success

We are committed to working with families who have severe odds against them and ICM has an impressive success rate of 75-80% for keeping families together.