

## WHAT DOES WORKING WITH HOMEBUILDERS LOOK LIKE?

- Homebuilders therapist are available to their families 24/7 during the course of the intervention.
- Each therapist carries a caseload of 2 families at a time.
- The referral source receives a weekly call from the therapist for an update of services.
- The referral source is contacted if/when there is a new safety concern.
- The referral source is provided with a report at the beginning and the end of the intervention.



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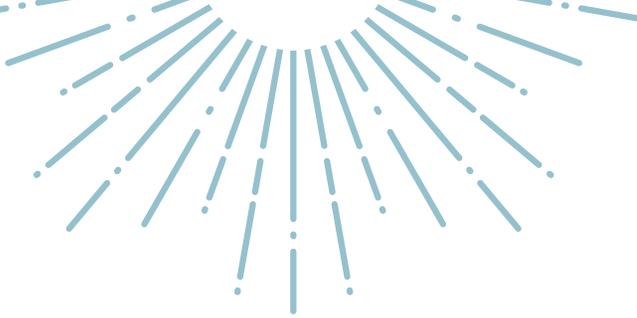
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Homebuilders  
A Family Preservation Program





## OUR MISSION

Homebuilders is an intensive in-home crisis intervention and family treatment program designed to keep children and families safe, **prevent the unnecessary out of home placement of children, and to safely reunify children and families.**



## PLACEMENT PREVENTION

- The child is at-risk of placement (foster care, group or residential treatment facility, psychiatric hospital, or juvenile justice facility).
- Maintaining the child in a home is not just a temporary plan.
- The caregiver has been informed of the risk of placement.

## REUNIFICATION

- The child is in placement (foster care, group or residential treatment facility, psychiatric hospital, or juvenile justice facility) and will return home within 7 days of the start of services.
- It is a complex situation (i.e., ambivalence, disrupted attachment, unresolved risk factors, legal issues, lack of understanding of the child's needs, etc.).
- Less intensive reunification services will not suffice to address reunification concerns.

## STABILIZATION

- The placement has been disrupted. The caregiver is asking for the child's removal unless intensive services are provided, the child is moving from a more restrictive to a less restrictive environment.

## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- At least one child is at imminent risk of out-of-home placement, or in placement and cannot be reunified without intensive in-home services.
- At least one parent is willing to meet with the Homebuilders therapist within 24 hours of the referral.
- The family is available to participate in an intensive, 4-6 week intervention (8-10 hours per week, 3-4 sessions per week).
- Less intensive services would not sufficiently reduce the risk of placement or facilitate reunification, are unavailable or have been exhausted.
- If a child is referred for reunification, the child will be returned to the family within 7 days of the start of services.

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