

Intensive In-Home Services

Not only reduces CAN, but also saves taxpayer dollars

Sometimes families need help. Intensive In-Home Services (IIS) offers families in crisis an alternative to out-of-home placement for children. This program works with families to ensure the safety of the child(ren) while keeping the family intact. The IIS program combines skill-based intervention with maximum flexibility so that services are available to families according to their needs. Services include:

- individual and family counseling,
- parenting education,
- child development training,
- household maintenance education,
- nutritional training,
- job readiness training,
- and referrals to other community services.

IIS is based upon the belief that families in crisis can, through intervention, learn to nurture their children, improve their functioning and gain support within their community, while keeping the family together safely.

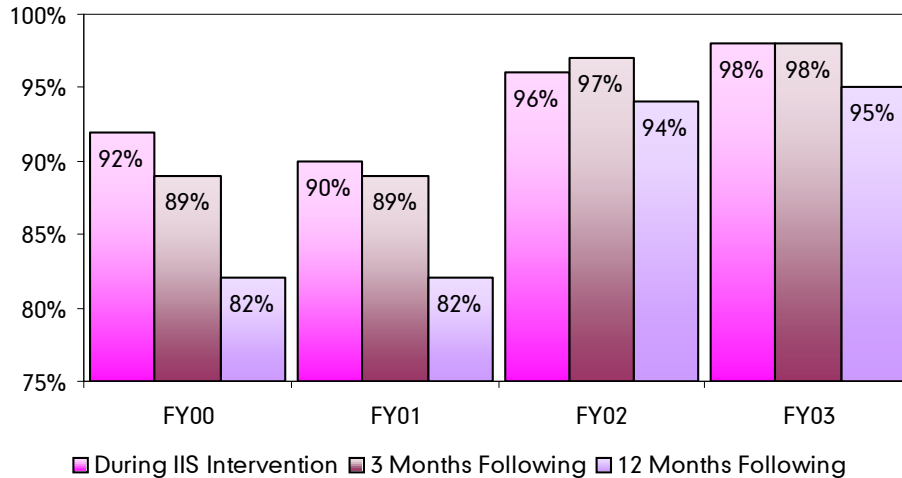
DEMOGRAPHICS & STATISTICS

- Approximately 1,600 families are accepted into the program yearly.
- Approximately 4,200 children are served annually.
- Between 950 and 1,460 children are not served due to lack of openings.
- 86% of referrals come from the Missouri Children's Division.
- Nearly 87% of families have a female head of household.
- 66% are white, 28% are black.
- 58% of head of households had income below \$15,000.
- 55% of head of households were unemployed.
- 65% of head of households had parenting skill problems.
- 34% of children had parent/child conflicts.
- 54% of the families had prior contact with DSS, juvenile courts, adult law enforcement, Department of Mental Health, adult criminal courts or Youth Services.
- 5.1 weeks is the average length of intervention.

SUCCESS

Child Safety

Percent of Children in IIS Program Without Confirmed Child Abuse or Neglect (CAN)



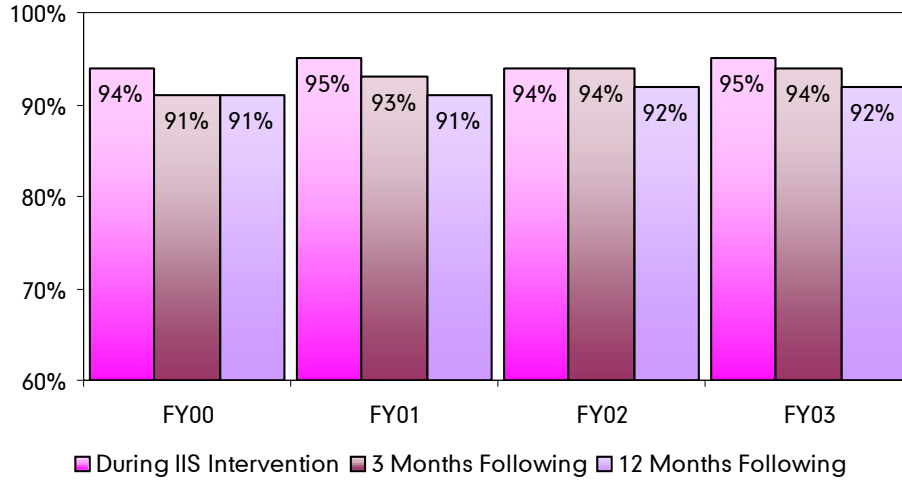
Contract Outcomes Related to Child Abuse/Neglect

Child Safety: Children shall be safe from abuse and neglect. The goal for child safety is to protect children from harm, prevent further abuse/neglect, and reduce the risks to their safety or well-being. The success of IIS efforts is gauged by the ability of the family, state agency, contractor, and community to protect the child from harm. Indicators:

- 1) 90% of families shall not have confirmed child abuse/neglect during IIS intervention.
- 2) 85% of families who have received IIS intervention shall not have confirmed child abuse/neglect within the first three (3) months following the completion of IIS intervention.
- 3) 80% of families who have received IIS intervention shall not have confirmed child abuse/neglect within the first twelve (12) months following the completion of IIS intervention.

Child Permanency

Percent of Children in IIS Remain in the Home



IIS Contract Outcomes Related to Permanency

Family Continuity/Family Permanency: The best place for a child to grow up is in a family. Family-centered IIS services are intended to achieve safety for children by strengthening family and child functioning. When decisions need to be made to remove a child from the home, IIS facilitates this decision-making process in a timely and respectful manner that supports the best interest of the child. Indicators:

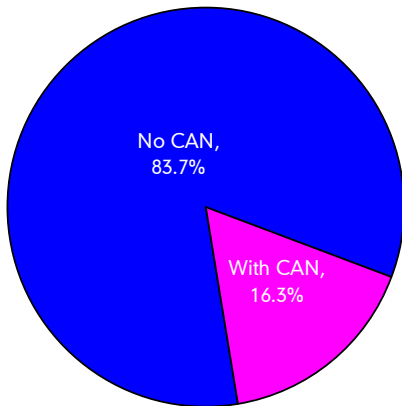
- 1) 90% of families shall not have a child placed out of their home during IIS.
- 2) 85% of families that have received IIS shall not have a child placed out of their home within three (3) months following the completion of IIS.
- 3) 80% of families that have received IIS shall not have a child placed out of their home within twelve (12) months following the completion of IIS.

LONG TERM SUCCESS

In SFY-2000, there were 1,679 families and 3,351 at-risk children exiting the IIS program.

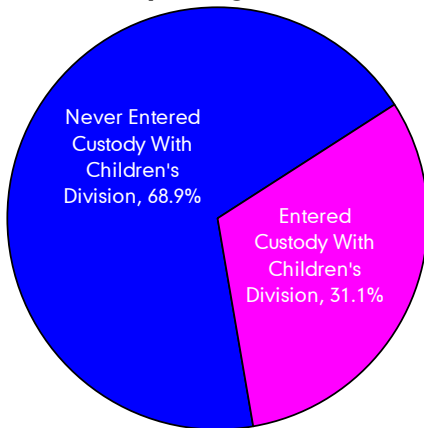
During the 48 months following the exit of the 3,351 children, nearly 84% had no substantiated child abuse or neglect (CAN).

84% Success in Avoiding Substantiated CAN 48 Months Post IIS Exit



During the 48 months following the exit of the 3,351 children, nearly 69% never came

Nearly 69% of Children Avoided Children's Division Custody During 48 Months Post IIS Exit



into the custody of the Children's Division.

Long Term Successful Public/Private Partnership

Nearly 79% of the at-risk children who exited the IIS program were served by contracted providers. The remainder were provided services in house. Success rates for both types of providers were similar:

	Contracted Provider	In House
Percent of children without child abuse or neglect after 48 months	84.4%	81.0%
Percentage of children never coming into the custody of the Children's Division	68.7%	69.6%

NATIONAL EXPOSURE

In June 2005 the National Family Preservation Network released a study of IIS for post adoptive families. Of the 15 states contacted, 10 responded to general survey questions about IIS in their state. Only one state, Missouri, was able to provide outcome data at intervals following IIS intervention.

- In 83% of adoptive families out-of-home placement was prevented as a result of the IIS intervention.
- After 6 months, 76% of those families that could be contacted were still intact. (83% of the original sample were contacted.)
- At 12 months, 63% of those families contacted were still intact. (53% of the original sample were contacted.)

COST OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT

In 2003, the Department of Social Services estimated the annual cost of child abuse and neglect in Missouri was nearly \$1.0 billion. Patterning the estimate after a national report published by the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation, the direct costs included hospitalization, chronic health problems, mental health care and costs incurred by the state's child welfare agency, law enforcement and judicial system. Indirect costs were special education, juvenile delinquency, lost productivity to society and adult criminality. The cost estimates were based on 10,808 children who had substantiated abuse or neglect, yielding a \$90,600 cost per child. IIS is estimated to cost \$1,990 per child (in direct cost and staff time incurred by the Children's Division). The savings in dollars and pain and suffering are obvious.