



Mission Moment:

Why we do what we do

Ana came to Child & Family Center through a Department of Child and Family Services referral for our Family Preservation Program. She was a 24-year-old woman who had a one-year-old daughter. Ana is a survivor of domestic violence and as a child, she was exposed to violence between her mother and father.

When Family Preservation Services began with Ana, she expressed wanting to give her child up for adoption. She was feeling overwhelmed and did not believe she knew how to be a good parent.

During Ana's time in our program, she had weekly in-home visits with our In-Home Outreach Counselor (IHOC). The IHOC provided counseling and case management services. Ana set her goals to attend parenting classes, build healthy relationships and communication and find housing stability. During the time in the Family Preservation Program, she also received mental health counseling through our program. The staff provided intensive case management services and provided support with housing assistance.

Ana received services through our Family Preservation Program for six months and successfully graduated from the program and continued after that with her Domestic Violence support groups and mental health counseling, all through our agency.

Today, Ana has the support of her grandparents and community support groups. She feels she has learned the tools and has the support to be a good mother and provider to her child. In her final meeting she had with us, Ana expressed that she was happy with the staff that helped support her and our Family Preservation Program and Services. She said she felt understood and supported by the staff working with her. She was grateful for the program providing essential needs, such as diapers, clothing and we were able to provide to her.

We will continue to be here for families like Ana and her daughter. Strengthening families. Healing relationships. Helping people thrive.