Successful Outcomes of IFC Services :

- *There is an awareness of social supports (formal & informal)*
- *Utilization and engagement of social supports occur*
- *Enhanced skill building and ability to problem solve, and resolve complex crisis has been achieved*
- *Positive reengagement among family and restored communication occur as a result of the Person Centered Planning Process*
- *There is a decreased need of services from the Dept. (DSCYF)*
- *A reduction in the recidivism rate (i.e. reentry into IFC service)*

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- Planning
- Strength Based
- Advocacy
- Resources
- Empowerment
- Collaboration

"Our Children, Our Future, Our Responsibility".

What is Intensive Family Consultation (IFC) ?

IFC is a Family Preservation /Family Support service that uses an interactive 'one on one' consul-tation prevention approach. The approach is strength based building on the families' protective factors to offset and combat the negative effects of risk.

IFC is designed to provide supportive services to families who are experiencing a multiplicity of complex needs associated with:

- *Parent child conflict,*
- *Substance abuse,*
- *Family instability associated with homelessness,*
- *Single parent stressors and isolation,*
- *Issues surrounding blended families,*
- *Unresolved mental health needs,*
- *Absence of supports and resources, etc.*

IFC Services are designed to empower the family by giving them the tools needed to. . .

- *Care for and protect their children,*
- *Improve their family functioning,*
- *Build connections to various support networks within their community,*
- *Self Advocate*

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IFC SERVICE COMPONENTS:

- *One on One Intensive Consultation – A 'strength based,'skill building process where families are empowered to become the lead decision maker and learn a new way of planning.*

- *Person Centered Planning (MAPS & PATHS) – A straight forward approach that involves planning centered around the family or child. MAPS and PATHS are the tools used in the Person Centered Planning process.*

- *Advocacy & Collaboration -IFC promotes **advocacy** as a vehicle of support whereby families become empowered to access resources, services & information. **Collaboration** is utilized as a team approach between support systems (schools, state or local agencies, faith-based organizations, etc.) to encourage the development of comprehnsive plans to meet the unique and complex needs of the family.*

- *Resource Connection Only – Is available to families who have chosen not to participate in the Intensive One on One Family Consultation*

- *Priority Programming – Additional supportive services in the areas of parenting, substance abuse, child behaviors, etc. .*