



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS & PROBATION

Service Interpretive Guidelines **Ecological In-Home Family Treatment (EIHFT)**

SERVICE DEFINITION:

The Ecological In-Home Family Treatment (EIHFT) Model is a strength-based in-home and community-based intervention designed to reduce youth and family risk factors contributing to delinquent behaviors while increasing youth and family protective factors. The service is designed to work with both youth and families to enhance and improve their functioning in the home and community. Services are designed to:

- Address behavioral problems of youth
- Improve family functioning and stability
- Increase youth and community safety

This service is utilized for youth between the ages of 12-17 with extensive family-related risk factors. The EIHFT Model is a structured, strength-based service designed to work with both the youth and family to address risk factors that contribute to delinquent behavior at home and in the community.

Family Consultants work collaboratively with probation/problem solving court officers, youth, schools, mental health professionals, family members and others as identified by the family to enhance and improve the youth and family's functioning in the home and community and, to the extent possible, prevent the need for the youth to be detained or referred to an out-of-home setting and to safely maintain at home and in the community. This service is designed to promote long-term family stability and healthy developmental functioning of youth served.

TARGET POPULATION:

This service is utilized for youth between the ages of 10-18 with extensive family-related risk factors. This service would typically assist in addressing youth with high risk and/or need in Family/Parenting, Peer Relations, Leisure/Recreation, Personality/Behavior, and Attitudes/Orientation.

PROBATION/PROBLEM SOLVING COURT OFFICER (OFFICER) RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A written service plan shall be developed with the youth and probation/problem solving court officer based upon the probation referral and family/youth intake interview. The written service plan will be shared with the probation/problem solving court officer.
- Individualization of the plan will be determined based on service referral information, (criminogenic risk, need and responsivity) relevant collateral documentation/assessments and youth/family goals.

- Officer shall communicate weekly, at a minimum for updates on the treatment plan, goals and the youth and family's engagement in services.
- Officer shall assist in maintaining family engagement and facilitate family team meetings to encourage communication and progress
- Officer shall verify with the EIHFT staff if progress is being made. If progress is not indicated, the EIHFT staff shall provide a rationale as to what changes will be made to initiate a plan to increase progress
- Officer will complete engagements outlining progress.
- Officer will work with the provider to develop a written discharge plan that includes:
 - Next appropriate community services
 - Follow-up appointments scheduled in conjunction with family
 - Community supports and resources for the youth/family
 - Consultation with community agencies on behalf of or in conjunction with the youth/family
- Upload all documents to the information management systems