



Astor Services for Children & Families promotes the well-being of children, adolescents and their families through a range of programs.

### Prevention Services/Family Connections

Prevention Services/Family Connections is a time-limited, evidence based model that utilizes a home-based approach to address both the concrete and clinical needs of the family. Prevention services utilizes comprehensive family assessment tools to identify behaviors related to risk and to develop Core Outcomes that address the identified child welfare concerns within a family. With a strength-based approach, case planners are committed to supporting families around developing skills and competencies that will enable them to keep their children in the home and out of placement.

### Services Include:

- Individual and Family Counseling
- Weekly Home Visits
- Psychiatric Evaluation Referrals
- Education Advocacy
- Social Skill Development
- Parent Education and Support

### Benefits of Prevention Services:

- Helps parents understand the developmental needs of their children
- Improves communication between parent(s) and child

- Model follows ACS standards for safety and risk
- Includes Comprehensive Family Assessments which help identify behaviors related to risk
- SMART goals are created to enable the family to reach success
- Case Planners are educated, compassionate and experienced
- Services last from 4-6 months

### Eligibility Requirements for Prevention Services/Family Connections:

- Family must live within catchment area Community District 12; families from Community District 7 and Community District 11 may also be eligible for services
- Family must have at least one child, between the ages birth-18, that resides in the home
- Family must have at least one risk factor identified that impacts the child(ren) negatively
- Family must be referred to Prevention Services through:
  - Administration for Children's Services (ACS)
  - Community Agency
  - Self-Referral, Walk-In

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