

**441—172.23 (234) Service components.**

**172.23(1) *Strategies and interventions.*** Family safety, risk, and permanency services shall be designed to deliver a flexible array of strategies and interventions to promote achievement of the goals of child and family safety, risk reduction, and permanency for children. It is expected that:

*a.* The specific interventions and supports delivered and service intensity will vary depending on child and family needs identified during the course of the family's child welfare involvement with the agency; and

*b.* The contractor will use evidence-based models of intervention when possible as well as develop creative and innovative service models.

**172.23(2) *Service activities.*** Specific minimum service standards and expectations for family safety, risk, and permanency services shall be as described in the request for proposals issued by the agency. The contractor shall be responsible for meeting identified needs of referred children and families through interventions that may include, but are not limited to, the following:

*a.* Assistance and instruction for parents in life skills and household management.

*b.* Family functioning assessment.

*c.* Crisis intervention response.

*d.* Support for a plan of family visits when children are placed out of home, and supervision of visits, if necessary.

*e.* Safety checks and supervision to ensure that children are safe within their environments.

*f.* Transportation assistance for children and families to access needed services and supports.

*g.* Interventions to enhance family functioning skills, which may include interventions and instruction in one or more of the following areas:

(1) Communication and social interaction skills.

(2) Family relationship enhancement.

(3) Parenting education and behavior management of children.

(4) Consumer education instruction.

(5) Advocacy skill enhancement.

(6) Transitional life skills for adolescents.

*h.* Activities to help connect the child and family with mental health and substance abuse services and with community resources and informal supports to promote self-reliance.

*i.* Activities to support the families' participation in services related to mental health, domestic violence, and substance abuse.

*j.* Family reunification interventions.

*k.* Permanency planning activities, including help in identifying and achieving alternative permanent family connections for the child.

*l.* Provision of tangible supports for children and families.

**172.23(3) *Additional services available.*** Based on child and family needs and subject to approval by the agency worker, a child and family who are receiving family safety, risk, and permanency interventions may also be approved to receive the following services, which shall be purchased and funded separately:

*a.* Drug testing as provided in subrule 172.30(1).

*b.* Family team meeting facilitation as provided in subrule 172.30(2).

*c.* Legal services for permanency as provided in subrule 172.30(3).

*d.* Foster care maintenance payments under rule 441—156.6(234) if the child is placed in foster family care.

*e.* Shelter care payment as provided in 441—subrule 156.11(3) if the child is placed in shelter care.

*f.* Group care maintenance and group care child welfare services under rule 441—156.9(234) if the child is placed in group care.

g. Supervised apartment living maintenance and services under rule 441—156.12(234) if the child is placed in supervised apartment living placement.

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