

...The family preservation therapist came daily to work with the mother and make sure the children were safe and fed.

At first the mother didn't want to get up from the floor where she slept. By the second week she was waiting on the porch for the therapist. Together they found another house.

The mother moved, taking her children with her. She left the father of her four children; he remained on drugs. She completed a drug treatment program and is getting her GED.

She says if the therapist hadn't come, she would have never survived.



## National Family Preservation Network

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## How can we help Families?



The house had no front door. There were bullet holes in the wall ... Neighbors gathered on the front porch, a sentry at the door. Drug traffic was heavy ...

...The only furniture in the house was a run-down couch and a potty seat for the toddler. There were no beds, no chairs, no appliances ...

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## Helping Families

The mission of the National Family Preservation Network (NFPN) is to serve as the primary national voice for the preservation of families. Our mission is achieved through initiatives in the areas of family preservation, reunification, and father-involvement.

NFPN offers research-based tools, training, resources, and technical assistance to public and private child- and family-serving agencies.

## NFPN is...

- A private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1992.
- A far-reaching network supported by individuals, organizations, foundations, and governments sharing NFPN's mission and goals.
- A proactive board and staff with many years of experience in providing services that strengthen families.

## Expertise

NFPN improves the well-being of children by:

- Promoting Intensive Family Preservation Services (IFPS) to keep families together and prevent unnecessary out-of-home placement of children. **Impact: Nationwide, over 80% of families remain intact after receiving IFPS.** Every dollar invested in keeping families together saves \$2.54 on placement services.
- Promoting Intensive Family Reunification Services to successfully and safely reunite children with their families when out-of-home placement has

occurred. **Impact: Several studies by NFPN show that 70% of children have been safely reunified with Intensive Family Reunification Services.**

- Providing assessment tools that measure family functioning with a wide variety of services. **Impact: NFPN's assessment tools are used in the child welfare, juvenile justice, mental health, behavioral health, schools, and other systems.**
- Encouraging fathers to be involved with their children and thus ensure better outcomes for children. **Impact: NFPN's father-involvement curricula targeted to frontline workers are unique, research-based, comprehensive, and available as online courses.**

## Leadership

NFPN is the national leader in:

- **Developing and testing family assessment tools. Over 800 agencies around the world use the assessment tools.** Each tool has been field-tested successfully to establish reliability and validity. Two of the tools have been ranked as most promising for

the child welfare system and are recommended for use by registries for evidence-based practice.

- **Developing training materials for frontline workers on father-involvement. NFPN developed the first-of-its-kind fatherhood training curriculum** and successfully completed the first-ever demonstration project showing that with training and assistance, child welfare workers increased their efforts to involve fathers in their children's lives.
- **Linking cutting-edge research, tools, and resources to direct services. Over two dozen research studies of NFPN's tools and resources are linked to effective services** in the areas of family preservation, reunification, father-involvement, prevention and early intervention, juvenile justice, housing services, school programs, and home visitation.

## Accountability

- NFPN spends 85% of its funds on programs.
- NFPN posts annual reports, budget, and privacy policies on its website.