



### Call Us For Help

If you know a child that is struggling with mental health or behavioral issues, call us at 1-800-634-2560.

## OUR MISSION

We strengthen families and transform lives.



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## Office Locations

### Erie County Office

5100 Peach Street  
Erie, Pennsylvania 16509  
Phone: 814.866.4500  
Fax: 814.864.2677

### Downtown Erie Office

240 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 402  
Erie, Pennsylvania 16501  
Phone: 814.871.0903

### Crawford County Office

18360 Technology Drive, Suite 200  
Meadville, Pennsylvania 16335  
Phone: 814.724.4800  
Fax: 814.724.5181

### Mercer County Office

7 West State Street, Suite 208  
Sharon, Pennsylvania 16146  
Phone: 724.704.7227  
Fax: 724.704.7224

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# BRIEF SERVICES



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at Family Services of NW PA

**Brief Services is a child welfare program offered by Family Services of NW PA that helps at-risk families cope with problems and improve childcare practices.**

Brief Services are short-term, intensive, family-focused services designed to help families cope with significant stressors or problems that interfere with their ability to nurture their children.

## Goals of Brief Services:

- To enhance the parents' ability to create a safe, stable, and nurturing home environment that promotes healthy child development.
- To maintain children with their families, or reunify them, whenever it can be done safely.
- To provide, refer to, and coordinate services needed to achieve or maintain family safety, stability, independence, and unity

## Services May Include:

- Family Counseling sessions for individuals, couples, entire families or any combination of family members.
- Parent Training:
  - Behavior Management
  - Child Development
  - Health and Nutrition
- Assessment/Recommendations using the Family Advocacy & Support Tool (FAST)
- Skill Development, such as Budgeting, Stress Management, Conflict Resolution, Daily Living, Anger Management, and Communication
- Visitation in Reunification Cases
- Assistance in locating adequate housing or improving home conditions necessary to a child's safety
- Development of support systems and linkage.
- On-call Crisis Intervention available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Crisis stabilization.

## Referrals:

Brief Services are available to families with children from birth to 18 years old. Services are provided to children and their families who are involved with Venango County Children and Youth Services (CYS).

Referrals to Brief Services can be made by:

- Venango County Children and Youth Services (CYS)

## Program Outcomes:

- 100% of families in Crawford County had no new instances of abuse and/or neglect
- 92% of families in Mercer County had no new instances of abuse and/or neglect



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