

The Family Resource Center (CCCDM) Strengthen and Preserve High Risk Families

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The Comprehensive Community Collaboration Demonstration Model to Strengthen and Preserve High Risk Families (CCCDM) project was collaboratively developed by FRC and the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services (MDCPS) with the input of community stakeholders. The project intends to demonstrate the benefits of identifying at risk families prior to their involvement with the child welfare system and coordinating the provision of a continuum of prevention programs and interventions designed to improve child safety, family stability, and well-being. Ultimately, the project seeks to reduce instances of verified child maltreatment (abuse/neglect) and decrease entries into the child welfare system.

At-risk families and children will be identified and referred to programming through extensive community outreach and cross-system partnerships. Once referred, families will be engaged by Family Safety Navigators who will be responsible for completing a comprehensive needs and risk assessment, building rapport and trust with the family, and working with the family to navigate, access and remain involved with available interventions and prevention services. Services to families are informed by a culturally appropriate assessment process focusing on social determinants of health, poverty, and child/family risk factors, and guided by the development of an individualized Family Strengths Building Plan designed to reduce the risk of child maltreatment and increase the family's ability to function and thrive.

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Family and Child Outcomes will be improved as a result of:

- Improved collaboration between the partnering organizations.
- Enhanced community presence promoted through activities conducted by a community outreach worker.
- Engagement of families through comprehensive case management services provided by the family safety navigators.

We see these efforts as being integral to the removal of systemic and service related barriers:

- Delaying the identification of at-risk families.
- Hindering the ability of service agencies to connect with families at risk of child maltreatment before CPS engagement.
- Limiting the ability of families to quickly access services.
- Preventing the provision of a holistic approach able to identify family needs.

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