



Family Preservation Services Multisystemic Therapy for Child Abuse and Neglect



Overview

Multisystemic Therapy for Child Abuse and Neglect (MST-CAN) is a holistic approach to engaging families with children at risk of further harm or removal. Instead of focusing on one person or need, each family member receives support. The team addresses a wide range of risk factors and helps the family navigate multiple systems.



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Who we serve

MST-CAN is an evidence-based treatment program for youth ages 6-17 and their families. The families come under the guidance of child welfare due to physical abuse and/or neglect reported within the past 6 months. Youth may sometimes be in an out-of-home placement with an expectation of a rapid return.

Family needs

Our interventions address youth and family needs such as:

- Risk of youth's removal from the home
- Physical abuse and/or neglect
- Substance use disorders
- Complex trauma
- Mental & behavioral health challenges
- Intimate partner violence

Benefits

- Keeps families together
- > Helps prevent further abuse & neglect
- Improves family harmony & stability
- 🤇 Increases natural social support
- Reduces mental health difficulties
- Includes case management & 24/7 crisis intervention

Contact us

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How it works



A supervisor, 4 therapists, a case manager & a psychiatrist are assigned to each family.



Crisis intervention is available 24/7 to address safety issues & prevent unnecessary placement of a child.

The case managers and

therapists help with safety &

crisis planning & crisis

management when needed.

Services are delivered in the

family's home or community.



It can take 6-9 months of services for families with complex issues and 5+ family members in treatment.

About Choices

Choices is a national nonprofit committed to empowering individuals, engaging communities, and enhancing systems.

Our Indiana programs include:

- Children's Mental Health Initiative (CMHI)
- Children's Mental Health Wraparound (CMHW)
- Family Preservation Services
- School-Based Services
- Foster Care Solutions
- Behavioral Health Solutions, and
- The Choices Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Family Preservation Services

MST-CAN



Therapists provide a broad range of services as appropriate for each family. This can include assessments, functional analysis of key problems & family conflict, substance use screenings & reinforced-based treatment (RBT) for substance use disorders, CBT for trauma & PTSD, couples therapy, anger management training, parent management training, and family communication & problem-solving skills development.



The case manager helps families with concrete services like housing, jobs, & education. The family further develops their life & social skills & strengthens their natural support system. The case manager connects them with community resources, youth activities & drug-free recreation for parents.



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