

#### **Choices Family Preservation Services**

# Multisystemic Therapy

### **Family Needs**

Our interventions address youth and family issues such as:

- Delinquency & court involvement
- Truancy or academic failure
- Substance use disorders
- · Risk of removal or incarceration
- Aggressive or risky behavior
- · Family conflicts
- Mental & behavioral health challenges

#### **Overview**

For youth involved in the juvenile justice system, it can often feel like a highway with only one exit ramp: incarceration. Multisystemic Therapy (MST) offers an alternative path by reducing and preventing juvenile delinquency. Instead of sending youth out of the community, therapists work in the home, addressing the root causes and fostering a positive family dynamic.

### **Benefits**

- 24/7 crisis intervention
- Improves behavior & reduces family conflict
- Improves family harmony & stability
- Helps prevent further involvement with the juvenile justice system
- Increases positive interactions within schools & communities
- · Reduces mental health difficulties

#### Who We Serve

MST empowers youth ages 12-17 years old and their families to function responsibly in the long-term. It serves youth at risk of abuse, neglect, or placement outside the home because of their challenging behaviors. Caregivers receive support in developing parenting techniques to manage conflict and other challenges.

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# **How It Works**



A therapist is assigned to each family.



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



Families receive services for 3-5 months while involved with different systems.



The therapist helps with safety & crisis planning & crisis management when needed. Services are delivered in the family's home or community.



Therapists provide a broad range of services specific to each family. This can include: assessments, addressing family conflict, therapy for trauma & PTSD, anger management training, parenting skills training, and improving family communication and problem-solving skills.

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