Crisis Nurseries

Support & Strengthening for Families in Crisis
Crisis Nursery Breakout
Session Content

- Crisis Nursery Program Models & Primary Goals
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- Questions
A Closer Look at the Impact of a Crisis Nursery

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GCDAhXHZ7_o
Crisis Care Services

Each Nursery throughout the state provides a safe haven for children whose parents are experiencing some type of crisis.

Parents may access services for a variety of reasons including:

- Homelessness
- Domestic Violence
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Stress Breaks
- Post Partum Depression
- Support Groups
- Doctor or Other Type of Appointments
Primary Goals

• Reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect
• Decrease parental stress
• Improve parenting skills and knowledge
Crisis Nursery Program Models

**Illinois Model:**
- Center based
- Serve families involved with Child Protection Services & those that are not
- Specifically designed facility
- Available 24/7
- State licensed
- Emergency care & aftercare services
- Serve children birth to six

**Other Models:**
- Home based
- Can be set up to serve one or both
- Facilities can be combined with other types of programs
- Can have limited hours for service
- Supportive services can vary
Post Crisis Services

• Home Visiting
• Parent Education
• Parent Support Groups
• Parent-Child Interaction Activities
• Basic necessities for families and children
Seven Nurseries Statewide

Chicago Suburbs (Des Plaines)
   Rockford
   Bloomington
   Peoria
   Champaign-Urbana
   Springfield
   Effingham

❖ All programs use evidence based, evidence informed practices
❖ Collaborate on how best to reduce child abuse & neglect through advocating, system and policy change
❖ Share outcome data and peer support among agencies
❖ Partner with ARCH Network (Access to Respite Care and Help) integrated crisis nursery model as a prevention service
FY19 Coalition Collective Impact

- Crisis Nurseries across Illinois receive a phone call approximately every 26 minutes.
- 141,137 hours of crisis care provided to children birth through six years of age.
- Children admitted to Crisis Nursery 19,484 times.
- Referrals for Community Resources 20,091.
- Caregiver Support/Parent Education 481.
- Home Visits 1,543
- Basic Needs Items Given Out $308,000
Theory of Change

CONDITIONS
- Conditions that put caregivers at risk for child abuse/neglect:
  - Poverty
  - Unemployment
  - Stress
  - Homelessness
  - Home crisis (e.g., fire, flood, lack of working utilities, etc.)
  - Isolation
  - Single Parents
  - Parents with adverse childhood experiences
  - Communication challenges (e.g., poor English skills, hearing impaired)
  - Domestic Violence
  - Lack knowledge of effective parenting
  - Children with developmental delays
  - Medical issues
  - Lack transportation
  - Lack knowledge of community resources
  - Substance abuse
  - Mental health issues

ACTIVITIES
- 24 hour hotline
- Assessments
- Trauma-informed response
- In nursery crisis care
- Post-crisis follow-up
- Parent advisory board
- Family Enhancements
  - Parent education (positive parenting techniques, healthy relationships)
  - Support groups
  - Developmental screenings
  - Transportation
  - Geofencing
  - Case management
  - Referrals, to community resources
  - Home visits
  - PAT Home Voting
  - Donations/in-kind items for basic needs

PROCESS INDICATORS
- No increase in adverse childhood experiences
- Increase in Protective Factors as measured by PSBQ & Retrospective PSQ
- Timely achievement of protective factor goals
- Engagement with referrals for identified needs:
  - Pre and post-natal depression, domestic violence, developmental and social emotional delays (ASQ/ASQ-SE), homelessness, and concrete support needs
- Admissions to parent support groups

SHORT-TERM OUTCOMES
- Parental resilience
- Social Connections
- Knowledge of parenting and child development
- Concrete support in times of need
- Social and emotional competence of children

LONG-TERM IMPACT
- Reduce Child Abuse and Neglect
- Strengthen Families
- Healthy Child Development

TARGET POPULATION:
Families at risk of child abuse/neglect with children 6 and under

children’s home + aid
Protective Factors

Protective factors are conditions or attributes of individuals, families, communities or the larger society that mitigate or eliminate risk.

Protective factors contribute to the healthy development and well-being of children, youth, and families.

Crisis Nurseries utilize the Protective Factors framework.
Protective Factors Crosswalk

Protective Factors

• Concrete Supports
• Knowledge of Parenting & Child Development
• Parental Resilience
• Social Connections
• Social and Emotional Competence of Child

Implementation in Crisis Care

• Nursery services when emergency care is needed (medical, funeral, S.A. treatment)
• Parent one on one time with other child, school meetings, etc.
• Parent self care, stress break, errands
• Parent support groups, church groups, etc.
• Provide concrete tips and resources, model developmentally appropriate interactions, and connect families to resources.
Facing Challenges

- Staffing Patterns
- Transportation for families
- Remote areas
- Minimum wage increases
- Home Visiting staff for post crisis services
- Turn Aways
- Limited Funding
Funding Sources

State Agency Funds
- Department of Children and Family Services
- Department of Human Services
- Illinois State Board of Education
- Department of Aging

Local Hospitals

United Way, Local Community Foundations

Local Fundraising- Holiday Store, Trivia Nights, Stuff the Bus

Annual Giving Campaigns

Private Donations
The Future of Crisis Nursery Care

**Current Initiatives:**

- Advocating to be a part of the Title IV-E Clearinghouse
  
  [https://preventionsservices.abtsites.com/](https://preventionsservices.abtsites.com/)

- Increase funding to provide more services to families

- Advocating for inclusion of Crisis Nurseries in the Family First Act
  

- Partnering with National Family Support Network resources/training
  
  [https://www.nationalfamilysupportnetwork.org/](https://www.nationalfamilysupportnetwork.org/)
Questions & Comments

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