

DHS Resources

Background Notes

The Department of Human Services contracts with various agencies and individuals to provide services to children and families. Some of the services that DHS contractors provide are In-home Safety and Reunification Services. Other services may be unique to the county in which you work. Many services can be particularly helpful for families on a limited income, since they are often provided for little or no fee to the client.

Tasks / Assignments:

- Talk with co-workers to find out what resources are available in your area.
- What is the process for accessing these resources?
- Is there a waiting list for the resources?
- Make it a point to meet with resource providers. Ask them what families would most benefit from their services and what a caseworker can do to facilitate the work between the family and provider.

Discoveries:

- *What is the most important new resource you learned about?*
- *How accessible are the resources to your clients?*
- *Did you learn any tricks for obtaining resources more readily?*
- *What did you learn that the caseworker can do to facilitate the work between providers and families?*