

## Update

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*“Many families are feeling overwhelmed with loss of jobs or needing to have two jobs, high rents, and not finding enough time to devote to themselves and their children as they would like to. Pathways to Safety is able to provide some relief and time to share feelings, receive encouragement, support and gain new skills in dealing with daily issues.”*

Norma Smith  
MSW ACTION Council

*“Parents love their children as children love their parents. Families just need support to understand each others’ needs and learn to listen to one another. Connecting them with community resources such as our interactive parenting class that includes the children has made a phenomenal difference in many families’ lives. They realize they are not alone and there is support in the community”*

Stephanie Williams  
Family Resource Specialist

# Pathways to Safety...

...facilitates an early and proactive community-based response to the first signs of family problems that might endanger children. Under this model families that traditionally receive no further assessment through Child Protective Services (CPS) are connected with community resources to address family behaviors that may lead to the later removal of a child from their home.



In it's first year of implementation, **805 families** were referred to Pathways to Safety and offered support by a community-based Family Resource Specialist (FRS) to address behaviors that, at a later time may lead to the **removal of a child from their home.**

*Children are safer and families stronger when communities work together.*

*A referral to a service in the community can change the path a family takes forever.*

## Pathways to Safety

is not a new program open to referrals.

The only entry into Pathways to Safety is by calling the **CPS Hotline:**

**800-606-6618.**