

(I) RESPONDING TO FINANCIAL AND FAMILY CRISIS THROUGH DIRECT PROVISION OF FAMILY COUNSELING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES; AND

(II) REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE COMMUNITY RESOURCES; AND

(2) THIS STATE HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE SERVICES THAT PREVENT THE KIND OF FAMILY DISSOLUTION AND BREAKDOWN THAT REQUIRES PROTECTIVE SERVICES OR OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly appeared as Article 88A, § 121(a) and (b).

In item (1) of this section, "achieve and maintain" is substituted for the former language "achieve or maintain", for clarity.

The only other changes are in style.

4-402. PROGRAM ESTABLISHED.

(A) IN GENERAL.

TO IMPLEMENT THE POLICIES SET FORTH IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH IN EACH LOCAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES A PROGRAM OF SERVICES TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN. THE PROGRAM SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO:

(1) THOSE FAMILIES WHO ARE RECEIVING AID TO FAMILIES WITH DEPENDENT CHILDREN OR SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME; AND

(2) THOSE FAMILIES WHOSE GROSS INCOME IS 80% OR LESS OF THIS STATE'S MEDIAN INCOME ADJUSTED FOR FAMILY SIZE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.

(B) SERVICES TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ENUMERATED.

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE, SERVICES TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ARE:

(1) FUNCTIONAL SERVICES TO HELP A FAMILY RESOLVE A SITUATIONAL CRISIS BROUGHT ON BY CATASTROPHE, DEPRIVATION OF INCOME, LACK OF SHELTER, PHYSICAL ILLNESS, MENTAL ILLNESS, DEATH, DESERTION, OR ABANDONMENT;

(2) FAMILY COUNSELING:

(I) TO RESOLVE MARITAL CONFLICT, FAMILIAL CONFLICT, AND PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS; AND

(II) TO TEACH CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT AND PARENTING SKILLS;