

## ***SERVICES TO FAMILY MEMBERS***

The Department may provide services to members of a consumer's family when necessary as part of the consumer's rehabilitation program. "Family member" includes any relative by blood or marriage and other individuals living in the same household with whom an eligible consumer has a close interpersonal relationship. Services to family members are to be recorded and justified in the IPE and progress notes in the same manner as services to the consumer.

Services provided to a family member or members should be based on a determination that:

1. the eligible consumer would be unable to begin or continue the IPE, and/or
2. the program would be jeopardized to the extent that employment would be delayed or could not be achieved, and/or
3. needed services are not readily available and feasible through existing community agencies.

Services to family members may include:

1. homemaker services to prepare a family member to assist a consumer in a program of independent living skills and to adapt to new or altered methods of home management (e.g., daily personal care and home maintenance provided by an outside resource during periods of stress or illness);
2. counseling with family members to help them understand the needs of the eligible consumer;
3. day care services for children to enable an eligible consumer to complete the IPE;
4. foster family care to enable the family to remain as a unit to permit an eligible consumer to complete the IPE (e.g., services to maintain all children within a family unit when an eligible consumer must leave home temporarily for vocational training or other services);
5. family planning or marital counseling services;
6. assistance in locating adequate living quarters for the family.