

Durham County Social Services and Durham County Public Schools Prevention Services Collaboration



Social Services



Strengthening homes to improve academic performance!

Prevention Services

- Provides intensive short-term services to elementary school age students and their families.
- Prevention Social workers assess the family system and dynamics they are impacting the student's academic performance and develop a service plan.



Collaboration

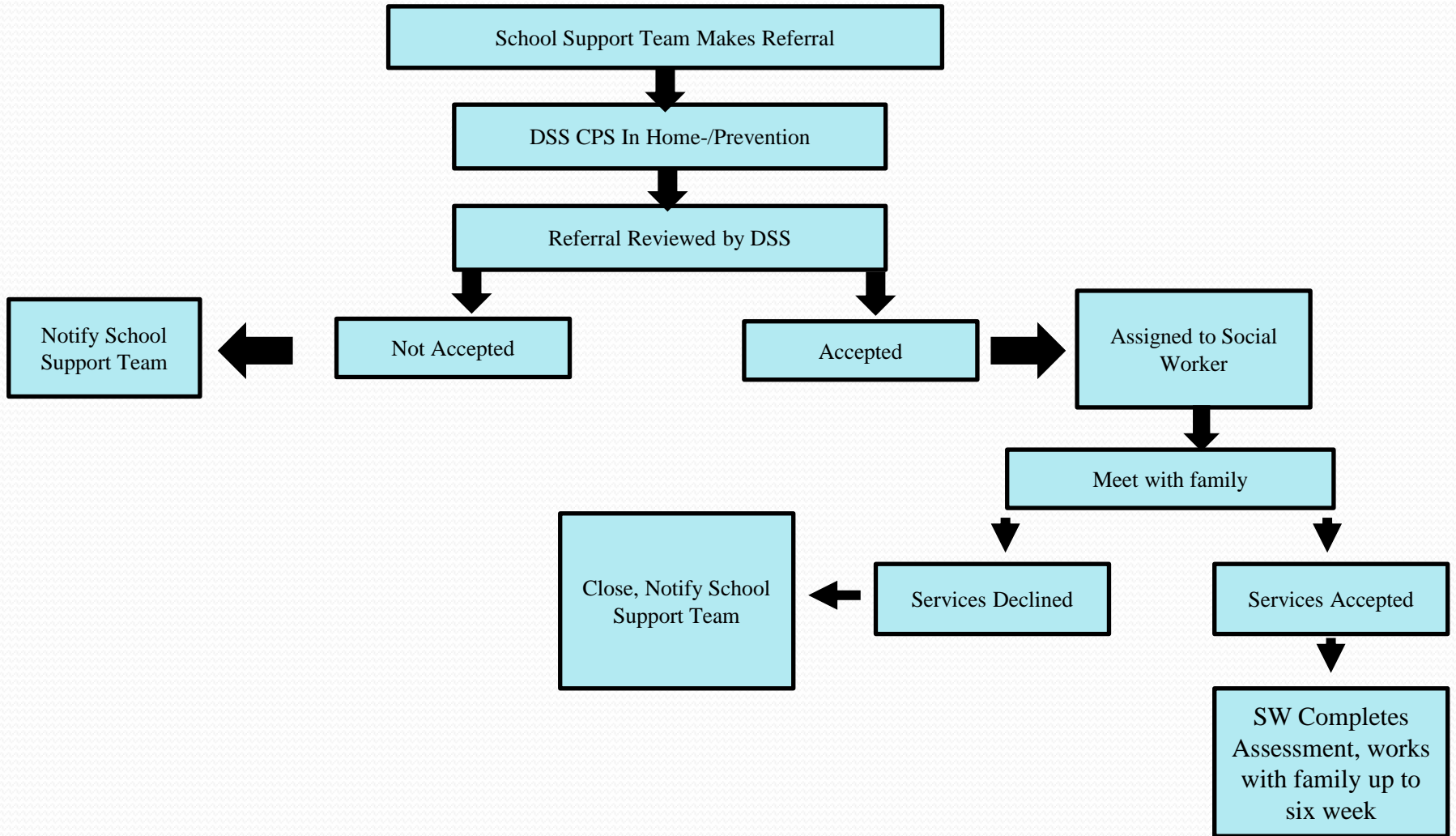
- The prevention Social Worker collaborates with the MTSS facilitator to assess and understand the needs of the family.
- The prevention social worker will partner with parents/guardians who elect this service to provide support to the family; primarily these are services available through DSS and community partners.
- The goals for our work are:
 - to strengthen the family unit,
 - enhance the academic performance of the child/children and
 - prevent child abuse or neglect.

It's their choice...



- Services are offered for up to 6 weeks to families. The parent must accept these services. They may decline to accept this service.
 - If a parent declines services the case is closed without intervention.
- If a parent is nonresponsive after ten days (of multiple attempts to engage), the case is closed.
- The referral source will be notified of case status; however DSS staff are required to exercise standards of confidentiality according to the NASW Code of Ethics and state policy.

Flow of work for DPS Prevention Staff



Prevention Services Staff

- DSS has assigned one Social Work Supervisor to oversee the daily work of Prevention Social Workers to support the needs of students and families through the DPS Prevention Program.
- The service is managed by the CPS In Home & Prevention Services Social Work Program Manager.
- Of course, all our work is supported and governed by the Assistant Director for the Family, Safety and Permanency Division, and the Director.

Referrals:

- Referral Forms must be emailed by the MTSS Facilitator to:
DPSprevention@dconc.gov
 - This service is not a replacement for making a Child Abuse or Neglect report.
- Upon receipt of the referral the Supervisor and/or Program Manager will:
 - Accept appropriate referrals and assign, OR
 - On accepted cases a Prevention Social Worker will be assigned, and all parties will be notified.
 - Contact the referral source for additional information, OR
 - Reject the referral if it does not meet program guidelines
 - ANY referral that meets the definition of child abuse, neglect or dependency shall be rejected and referred to CPS Intake Hotline
- Referral forms will also be available via Durham County DSS website.

What Does a Referral Look Like?

- Acceptable Referral:
 - All areas of the form are completed
 - Factors or characteristics checked (family issues that impact educational setting, chronic/repeat truancy; problematic social interaction)
 - Specific description of concern
- Not Acceptable
 - Parent/caretaker resides in another county
 - Concerns meet child abuse and neglect standards

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QUESTIONS

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