

FAMILY SERVICE PLAN DEFINITIONS

Goals:

- Represent the desired outcome toward which all case activities are directed.
- To achieve a goal often requires the coordinated implementation of many activities.

Goal statements:

- broad, descriptive statements of desired ends.

Objective:

- a statement which describes a specific desired outcome or "end state."
- more specific in scope than goals
- describes in measurable terms exactly what change is desired
- generally represents the elimination of the identified need or problem.

Tasks:

- step-by-step implementation plan which will structure and guide the provision of services.
- What tasks or actions must be performed, in what order, to achieve the objectives;
- Who is responsible for the implementation of each task;
- When is the task to take place, including desired time frames for beginning and completing each task;
- Where is each task to take place.