

CORE VALUES OF THE SUPPORT AND SERVICE ADVISORY TEAM

- Have a strong and explicit commitment to preserve the integrity of the family unit.
- Be child centered and family directed, with strengths and needs of the child and family dictating the types and mix of supports provided.
- Be community based, with the support and decision making responsibility existing at the community level.
- Be culturally responsive to the differences of the children and families served.

Think of the Support and Service Advisory Team process as pieces of an intricate puzzle that when brought together create a complete plan of action. Each piece is vital to the whole of supporting the unique needs of each child and family.

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

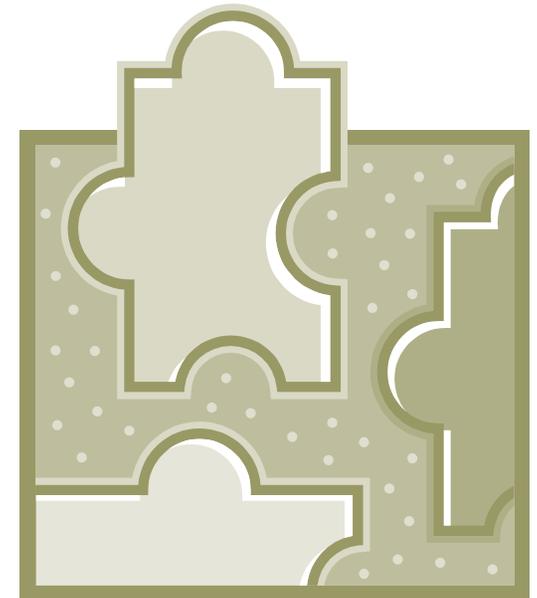
Department of Human Services
711 North Bridge Street
Room 305
Chippewa Falls, WI 54729
Phone: 715-726-7788
Fax: 715-726-7736
E-mail: humanservices@co.chippewa.wi.us

CHIPPEWA COUNTY

SUPPORT AND SERVICE ADVISORY TEAM (SSAT)

FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES EXPERIENCING CHALLENGES

**Connecting Families,
Community, and Providers**



SUPPORT AND SERVICE ADVISORY TEAM (SSAT)

FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES EXPERIENCING CHALLENGES IN CHIPPEWA COUNTY

This support is based on family and community values and is unconditional in its commitment to create a support system for each child and their family.

The emphasis of SSAT is on forming an integrated team that includes families, community, providers, and Chippewa County Human Services staff. Parents and caretakers are the most vital part of the team.

The SSAT's main goal is to provide guidance, support, and community based programming in order to meet a child and families needs. All decisions will be made by balancing the needs of a child within the parameters of the Human Services Department budget.

WHEN WILL THE SUPPORT AND SERVICE ADVISORY TEAM BE UTILIZED?

- When a social worker and a family need assistance to brainstorm creative solutions to a complex situation.
- Consideration is given for an out-of-home placement of a child.
- A child is placed as the result of an emergency situation.
- Once a child is placed. The placement must be reviewed every 90 days.

SUPPORT AND SERVICE TEAM ADVISORY PROCESS

- A social worker from Chippewa County Department of Human Services will approach their unit manager to explore creative solutions to address the families current challenges.
- The unit manager decides it is in the best interest of the child and family to consult or review the current situation with SSAT.
- The social worker registers for a 20 minute time slot to meet with SSAT. Any member of the immediate family can attend. Other individuals the family desires to attend that are a support are also welcome.
- SSAT and the family or other natural supports will reach a decision by consensus on how to move forward. When a consensus cannot be reached, the final decision will be made by the Human Services Director.



ADVANTAGES TO UTILIZING THE SUPPORT AND SERVICE ADVISORY TEAM

- Parents and caretakers have a voice in decisions that are made about their child.
- The child and the parents or caretakers have access to the support and services needed.
- The responsibility of decision making is shared between family or caretakers, social workers, and Human Services Department.
- Parents and caretakers are listened to regarding the concerns they have for their child.
- Provides for a synergistic atmosphere where all ideas are brought forward in order to craft the right plan of support for a child.

