**Intercept Program**

**Description of Service:**

Intercept is a family-centered program helping children and youth in a wide age range (infant to 17 yo). These youth and their families are involved with the court system. Referral issues may include, but is not limited to, ADHD or other mental health struggles, gang activity, substance abuse, delinquency, low educational maintenance, physical aggression, truancy, trauma, runaway, and theft. Youth Villages’ comprehensive treatment approach includes family interventions, mental health assistance for caregivers, parenting skills education, educational interventions, development of positive peer groups, and extensive help for families and children in accessing community resources and long-term ongoing support. Children and families receive evidence-based models and best practice interventions based on the individual needs of the child and family. The clinical team will prioritize application of interventions based off of clinical needs.

**Frequency/Duration:**

Intercept provides approximately 8 hours of service each week and may last between 4-6 months. The Youth Villages Family Intervention Specialist will communicate regularly with DCS, probation staff, and other involved professionals about each child and family involved with the program. The specific days and times will be scheduled by the provider according to the family’s schedule and availability.

**Expectations:**

**Youth:** The youth must be available and participate in scheduled sessions as dictated by treatment.

**Parent:** The parent(s) as well as other family members in the home must participate in scheduled sessions as dictated by treatment. The full participation of the parent is very important to the success of the service.

**Service Provider:** The service provider will contact the parent/guardian within 48 hours of receiving the referral from Probation to schedule an initial session. They will communicate at least monthly with the probation officer about the participation levels and progress of the youth and family members.

**Probation Officer:** The probation officer will make the referral to the provider shortly after home based services is ordered by the Court. During appointments, the probation officer will talk with both the parent and the youth about the sessions and what they are working on.