Working Together with Families, 0-6 (WTWF, 0-6)

General Program Description:
The Working Together With Families, 0-6 Program is an intensive, home based, family-focused intervention for families and children from birth to their 7th birthday. It is based on a family preservation service delivery model. Therapists work together with parents to identify family strengths and needs and develop goals to guide the change process.

Goals of the Program:
- To prevent out of home placement of children
- To improve child and family functioning
- To reduce the need for more intensive services in the future

Inclusionary Criteria:
- Families involved with Peel Children’s Aid
- Children ages 0 to 6 who are at risk of out-of-home placement
- Complex, multi-need families
- Parents/caregivers who are willing to participate in an intensive in-home program where the therapist visits two to three times per week, initially, for four to six months
- Families motivated to stay together and, thus, voluntarily agree to participate in the program

Exclusionary Criteria:
- The identified child is medically fragile
- Parental psychosis, substance misuse, or domestic violence is present and parents are not receiving treatment or support
- There is instability due to a high degree of transience

Referral Source(s):
- Peel Children’s Aid
- Internal transfers via Centralized Intake for Children and Youth Mental Health Services transfer protocol

Referral Process:
Peel Children's Aid Workers forward referrals to the designated Peel Children's Aid Supervisor contact. Peel Children's Aid screens for appropriateness and forwards referrals.

The WTWF, 0-6 Program Supervisor is available to answer any questions you may have regarding the referral process or program criteria.