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

The WTWF, 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 aged 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
- Parents/caregivers who require, but are not receiving, support or treatment for mental health issues, marital conflict, or substance use issues
- There is instability due to a high degree of transience

**Referral Sources:**
- Peel Children’s Aid
- Internal transfers via Mental Health Services for Children and Youth (Centralized Intake) 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 referral to the WTWF, 0-6 Program Supervisor.

Families are also eligible for this program through the Internal Transfer Protocol via Mental Health Services for Children and Youth (Centralized Intake). After consultation with the WTWF, 0-6 Program Supervisor, the internal transfer package, including signed consent form, can be faxed to the WTWF, 0-6 Program.

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