



IN-HOME PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Serving Children, Youth, and Families

IN THEIR COMMUNITIES



In Home Protective Services (IHPS) Program is a safety and family driven in-home service delivery program. The IHPS services at GEMMA (formerly theVillage) has worked in collaboration with the Philadelphia Department of Human Services (DHS) since January 2009 to bring safety and stability to families in the Philadelphia area. Currently, the GEMMA IHPS program is the only IHPS program that provides services in the Philadelphia area.

The goal and mission of In-Home Protective Service is to reduce safety threats and increase the protective capacities of the family while maintaining children in their own homes.

An IHPS caseworker provides a minimum of two weekly visits to the family in order to monitor safety and to provide stability.

They utilize the Safety Plan and Family Service Plan as the impetus in providing service delivery. The caseworker refers the family to resources and guides them through the Safety and Family Service plan to help them meet their goals.

The target age population for IHPS services is birth to 18 years old. To receive IHPS services, there must be at least one identified safety threat in the home (as determined by the CYD Safety Assessment and Management Process). The confirmed and identified safety threat(s) by CYD results in the need for a Comprehensive Safety Plan that must be managed and/or monitored by the child welfare system. Based on this evaluation, services are recommended to be placed in the home. Referrals are received directly from DHS.

Learn more at www.gemmaservices.org.

Our Mission

Gemma Services changes lives by transforming hope into action for children, youth, and families facing emotional and behavioral challenges.



PROGRAM GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

- Support families and help them to increase their protective capacities in order to avoid out-of-home placement for their children.
- Reduce the risk of abuse, neglect, or out-of-home placement of children by equipping the family with skills they need to access their strengths more effectively.
- Help families access community services and develop an effective support system.
- Stabilize the family environment with the addition of support, training, supervision, and case management in order to prevent out of home placement.



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theVillage

Gemma Services was formed in 2019 when Silver Springs – Martin Luther School and theVillage united to operate as one single organization serving children, families, and communities across the Philadelphia region. Representing a combined 300 years of service to vulnerable and at-risk children and families, **Gemma Services is guided by the vision of a world in which children, youth, and families feel valued and have the tools to realize their highest potential.**

At Gemma Services, we cherish each individual and ensure every youth and family within our community has the tools they need to thrive. Our research-based, trauma-informed programs are designed to cultivate a culture of learning and healing in a safe and nurturing environment.

We offer education programs, mental health services in residential and community settings, foster care and adoption services, and prevention programs.

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