

 <b>VERMONT</b> DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES Family Services Policy Manual		<h1>113</h1>
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## Purpose

To describe the use of Family Emergency Assistance as a funding source to benefit families in crisis; to provide guidance for staff on application for benefits.

## Policy

Family Emergency Assistance is a program designed to alleviate emergencies threatening financially needy families. Eligible families may receive immediate, short-term assistance and services if a child welfare emergency exists, as follows:

- there is a report of abuse, neglect or abandonment of a child;
- there is imminent risk of a child being separated from his or her family due to abuse, neglect, abandonment of a child, or the behavior of the child;
- a child has been placed in the custody of the department;
- a child is under the protective supervision of the department.

However, delinquents are not eligible for Family Emergency Assistance.

The following services may be authorized for four months under Family Emergency Assistance:

- Intensive family-based services;
- Family educator services;
- Substitute care and transportation services for children newly in custody (court or voluntary care).

Division staff will complete an Application for Federal Funding (FS-201 FC/M) for every child newly committed to custody, as per Policy No. 111, and send it to the Child Benefits Unit. Eligibility for Family Emergency Assistance will be determined by the Child Benefits Unit, based on federal requirements.