

## MA Department of Children and Families (DCF)

### DCF Social Worker Resources:

The resources available to DCF are the six DCF mental health specialists who consult on case that have mental health issues. Given that the parents are usually the individuals with the potential diagnosis; the goal would be to get community supports to help them. If DCF provides Mass Health the family might be able to use intensive case management services from The Child Behavioral Health Initiative (CBHI). If the intact family is on Mass Health they can get services from The Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership (MBHP) intensive clinical Management team or CBHI.

### Assessing risk in a hoarding home.

- What is being hoarded for example, is there rotting food that a child might eat
- Is the hoarding so significant that it pose a fire risk
- Do the children have some where to eat and sleep that is free of clutter
- Does the hoarding impact or play a role in the infestation of roaches or other pest such as mice or rats in the home
- Are the children being impacted with medical insults such as ongoing head lice or scabies.

### Assisting with compulsive behaviors within DCF families.

If a person has obsessive compulsive disorder or compulsive behaviors consult with the six DCF mental health specialist, a community therapist, or psychologist/psychiatrist.

### How to obtain hoarding resources and connections within your community.

- Community Health Centers
- Psychologist or psychiatrist who specialize in hoarding
- Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership
- Community Service Agency (CSA) who takes referrals for the Child Behavioral Health Initiative