The Iowa SPD Project to Preserve Families (PTPF) Information Sheet:

The Iowa State Public Defender's Project to Preserve Families utilizes a team of professionals to provide Iowans access to legal and family centered services to *prevent Court involvement and potential removals.*

What does "Access to Legal and Family Services" Mean?

Project Attorneys assist families in addressing issues such as the following:

- Landlord/tenant issues
- Chapter 236 Protective Orders
- Child Custody
- Basic Criminal Matters including clearing up warrants
- Driver's licensing
- Guardianship and Conservatorships
- Other issues as approved by the State Public Defender

Who Provides These Services?

Attorneys designated by the Office of the State Public Defender and local service providers in the Community.

How are Attorneys Designated?

By referral. Professionals in the community will refer families/ individuals to the project attorneys via a written referral. These professionals may include members of IDHHS, school administrators and counselors, medical professionals, juvenile court officers, or substance abuse and mental health providers.

When are Families Eligible?

An assigned SPD Attorney and referred client will meet and complete an initial intake form. The intake form includes the necessary income information and their potential

legal issues to determine the client's eligibility. The central administrative office will then determine eligibility and move forward as applicable.

What Happens if a CINA gets filed?

Continuity of representation is top priority. All services offered under the project will continue, as applicable. However, if a CINA has been filed BEFORE attempted representation, the family will be ineligible for our services.