**Family Training and Counseling for Child Development**  
**HCPCS T1027**

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<th>Service Definition: Family Training and Counseling for Child Development is a comprehensive behavioral program for children birth through 3 and their families. The program provides early intervention, family training and counseling for child development provided for the bio-psychosocial and emotional well-being of infants, toddlers and children in relationship with their caregivers, environment and culture, and with respect for each child’s uniqueness.</th>
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| **Target Population** | Children ages birth to 3 years of age diagnosed with, or who are at risk of:  
- Emotional/behavioral/developmental disabilities/delays as indicated by an assessment; or  
- Diagnosed with, or at risk of developing, a neurobiological disorder (NBD)/Diagnostic Classification (DC 0-3) diagnosis as indicated by an assessment tool approved by the Funding Source. |
| **Program Requirements** | Focus on needs of individual and family  
Services and supports are based on the individual needs of the infant, toddler and family. Each Family Training and Counseling for Child Development must make the following services available:  
1. Behavioral health screening;  
2. Behavioral health assessments and/or specialized evaluations of the child and family including the evaluation of the child and family’s relationship;  
3. Infant and family treatment plan;  
4. Case management services that are intended to ensure that children and families receive the services and supports they need in a timely, appropriate, effective, culturally competent and coordinated manner;  
5. Family counseling;  
6. Infant mental health respite care services that provide center-based, home-based and/or school-based respite care services to the families and/or caregivers of this service population as identified in the infant/family treatment plan;  
7. Community supports including:  
   a. Parent skill building and support,  
   b. Children’s social and life skill building, and/or family relationship enhancement;  
8. Referral for specialized consultation as indicated. |
| **Provider Requirements** | Services must be delivered by licensed behavioral health practitioners employed by a mental health/substance abuse provider organization. The organization must be a legally recognized entity in the United States, qualified to do business in New Mexico, and must meet standards established by the State of NM or its designee, and requirements of the funding source.  
Agencies are required to be certified to serve children ages birth through three and their families. |
### Staffing Requirements

Both clinical services and supervision by licensed practitioners must be in accord with their respective licensing board regulations.

**Minimum staff qualifications:**
- Bachelors Degree in Social Services, Nursing or related field with two years experience in infant mental health or working with children with developmental disabilities, who are experienced with parent/child relationships.

**Staff supervision requirements:**
- Minimum of two years experience in infant mental health
- Masters level licensed independent practitioner (LPCC, LISW, LMFT), or
- CNS or RN with Masters or certification in psychiatric nursing; or
- Licensed clinical psychologist, or
- Psychiatrist.

### Documentation Requirements

Programs must provide the standard documentation in the individual client files in addition to the following:
- Individual/Family Assessment to include diagnosis as Applicable
- Progress notes must reflect the array of services provided

### Service Exclusions

This service may not be billed in conjunction with:
- Behavioral Health Assessment;
- Comprehensive Community Support Services;
- Behavioral Health outpatient individual, group or family therapy;
- Respite Care; or
- Residential Care for the caregiver separate from the child.

Any child receiving “psychological counseling and social work” from the Family Infant Toddler Program should be excluded from this benefit.

Any child receiving services from this program that also needs physical health rehabilitation services (occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy), in addition to mental health services, should be referred to the Family Infant Toddler Program.

### Admission/Service Criteria

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