

YES Waiver Brief Overview

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What is YES Waiver?

- ▶ Youth Empowerment Services Waiver is a 1915(c) Medicaid program that helps children and youth with serious mental, emotional and behavioral difficulties.
- ▶ Provides community-based services to help eligible children and youth in lieu of institutionalization/out of home placement
- ▶ Services include non-traditional therapies which supplement services provided through the State Plan

YES Waiver Goals

- ▶ Reduce the amount of time children are out of their home and community because of a mental health need.
- ▶ Extend the range of mental health services and supports available for children with this level of need.
- ▶ Prevent entry into the foster care system and relinquishment of parental custody; and
- ▶ Improve the lives of children and youth served.

How to refer / Entry into services

- ▶ LAR or Managing Conservator calls the Inquiry Line
 - ▶ (512)804-3191
- ▶ LMHA returns call within 24 hours
- ▶ Youth is placed on Inquiry List
- ▶ Intake to be scheduled within seven business days
 - ▶ Current Waitlist / Based on order

Who is eligible?

- ▶ Be 3 through 18 years old.
- ▶ Have serious mental, emotional and behavioral difficulties.
 - ▶ Meet clinical eligibility criteria
- ▶ Be at risk of being placed outside of their home due to their mental health needs.
- ▶ Meet the criteria to be in a psychiatric hospital.
- ▶ Be eligible for Medicaid — parent's income does not apply.
- ▶ Currently live in a home setting with a legal guardian or on their own if they are legally emancipated.

Enrollment

- ▶ Any individual found eligible for YES Waiver is enrolled for 1 year
- ▶ Assessments are conducted annually to review ongoing eligibility and remain in the program
- ▶ The average length of time in the YES Waiver is 11-18 months. Each youth's needs will determine duration of care.
- ▶ Reason for Referral once it has been met, team will begin transitioning client out of the program
- ▶ Age limit (18→19, TAY Program)

How do we use Wraparound?

- ▶ Evidence-based process using a team approach
- ▶ ICM/Wraparound Facilitator is the main point of contact for the team
 - ▶ The team consists of natural and formal supports
 - ▶ Process draws upon the strengths and resources of all team members
 - ▶ The team meets monthly to review wraparound plan (determine services needed/track progress)
 - ▶ Youth and family meet regularly with Wraparound Facilitator ~weekly

How can you help?

- ▶ Join the family's team!
 - ▶ Communicate progress
 - ▶ Identify barriers
 - ▶ Share strategies
 - ▶ Transition at discharge

Questions?

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