

What are the Goals of the YES Waiver?

- Reduce the amount of time the child is 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.



Please visit our website for the most up to date information on the YES Waiver

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What Is the YES Waiver?

The Youth Empowerment Services (YES) is a 1915(c) Medicaid Waiver program that provides community-based services to help children and youth (at least 3 and younger than 19) with “serious emotional disturbances” live in the community. YES services go beyond the services available through other Medicaid benefits.

YES uses a planning process known as Wraparound to create a plan specifically for your child. YES services are designed to identify and support the strengths of the child or youth. The Wraparound process builds on support that the family and community provides.

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YES Waiver Service Provider?**

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Who Is Eligible for YES Waiver Services?

To participate in the YES Waiver, a youth must

- Have a diagnosed serious emotional disturbance (SED),
- Meet the criteria to be in a psychiatric hospital,
- Be at least 3 years old, and younger than 19 years old,
- Be eligible for Medicaid, and
- Currently live in a home setting with a legal guardian, or on their own if they no longer have a legal guardian.

What are YES Waiver Services?

YES participants may receive:

Respite

To allow families and caretakers to take a temporary break from caring for a child



What Is the Wraparound Process?

The Wraparound process creates a “Child and Family Team” made up of the child and the child’s support group that meets at least once a month. This team may include family, friends, teachers, and professionals who want to help your child be successful. Together, the team develops a plan of care to meet the specific needs and goals of the child.

Community Living Supports

To help families adjust to special challenges related to the child’s mental health need by using proven practices and strategies

Specialized Therapies

Therapies that include art, recreational, music, and animal-assisted therapy; and nutritional counseling

Family Supports

To help support family members

Employee Assistance and Supported Employment

To help youth find and be successful in a job

Adaptive Aids and Supports

To help a child improve function in different settings such as home, school and community

Minor Home Modifications

To help keep the youth and family safe

Non-Medical Transportation

To get to a YES Waiver service when no other transportation is available

Paraprofessional Services

To help the child build skills to deal with stressful situations through coaching and mentoring

Supportive Family-Based Alternatives

To help the whole family learn healthy interactions

Transition Services

To help with the costs associated with a child moving into their own home.