

CHILDREN'S Initiatives



Department of Human Services (DHS) Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) Waiver

DHS SED Waiver Services Offer...

- Enhanced community based services to children/youth in Foster Care or who have been adopted through the child welfare system, who are at risk of psychiatric hospitalization, utilizing the **Wraparound Model**, which is a team-driven process involving the family, child, natural supports, agencies and community services.
- Individualized services and supports that build on strengths and meet the needs of children and families across life domains to promote success, safety and permanence in the home, school and community.
- A culturally competent process, building on the unique values, preferences and strengths of children, families and their communities.
- Plans are developed and implemented based on a collaborative process that includes a balance of formal services and informal community and family supports.

Who is Eligible?

- Children who meet the criteria for admission to a state inpatient psychiatric hospital and who may be at risk of hospitalization without waiver services.

- CAFAS Score of 90 > for children under the age of 12 and 120 > for children ages 13-17. For children ages 3 to 7, elevated PECFAS subscale scores in at least one of these areas: self-harmful behaviors, moods, emotions, thinking/communicating or behavior toward others.
- Commitment of a Parent, Legal Guardian or Caregiver, who agrees and supports the child/youth in their home and community.

What to Expect from My Wraparound Facilitator?

- Meet regularly with the family in their home or wherever they are most comfortable, to find out what has worked in the past and what the family would like to see happen in the future.
- Assemble a Child and Family Team of significant persons to develop an Individualized Plan of Care, link the family to community resources, coordinate services and assisting them with meeting their goals.
- Work with family to uncover youth's/ family's strengths and needs and addresses any immediate needs or safety concerns.

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