



Foster Care and Community Programs - New England

Description

These programs utilize family settings, coupled with intensive in-home supports, to provide individualized treatment for children who have significant and/or complex treatment requirements. They involve resources such as highly trained foster parents, in-home support staff, individual and peer clinical supervision on a weekly basis and a 24-hour, on-call backup system.

Specialized Treatment Foster Care Program

- Therapeutic care for children with emotional and behavioral issues
- Typically one or two children placed per home
- Foster care for infants and pre-schoolers with high medical needs
- Weekly consultation with case manager
- In-home support staff, as clinically indicated by the treatment needs of the child
- Individualized treatment, with oversight by a Master's level clinician
- Psychosocial rehabilitation
- Supervised visitation and placement services including:
 - In-home support staff, as clinically indicated
 - Case management
 - Transition services from more intensive (psychiatric or residential) settings to a family setting
 - Discharge planning.

Supported Families Program

This program maintains difficult-to-serve children at home with their families and provides experienced, highly skilled, in-home staff for the management, supervision and counseling of the child and the family:

- Treatment in the family home for children with intensive needs
- Reunification and step-down from more intensive placement settings, e.g., residential treatment
- Highly skilled, certified in-home support staff providing child management, counseling and supervision
- Treatment provided in the family setting by an experienced, Master's level clinician
- Individualized treatment.

Family Visitation Program

The KidsPeace Family Visitation Program provides supervision, observation and assessment of parent-child interaction during scheduled visits between children and family members. The program serves children referred by the Department of Health and Human Services or other contracting agencies. KidsPeace ensures that all visits occur in a safe and welcoming environment that provides opportunities for parents to engage in age-appropriate activities with their children who have been removed from their immediate custody. Visit supervisors are trained to provide parent education during visits and to assess progress toward the predetermined objectives of each family. Visit supervision provides:

- A safe environment that assures only authorized individuals participate in the visit
- Staff oversight of all Visit Guidelines and provisions of Visitation Agreements
- Parent education, including coaching, role modeling and teaching of good parenting skills such as limit setting, active listening and positive reinforcement, as well as information regarding normal growth and development
- Activities that encourage the development or enhancement of a nurturing relationship
- Documentation of observations and conclusions made during visits, including assessment and description of the parent-child relationship and of the behaviors related to the parent's ability to adequately care for the child.

Targeted Case Management

TCM provides case management services to children ages birth through 20 who have one or more of the following areas of need:

- Diagnosed with a classified emotional disturbance, with mental retardation or as having pervasive developmental disorders

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- Assessed as at risk of mental impairment or emotional/behavioral disorder or has significant functional impairment.

Case Managers provide service using the wraparound planning process to develop and coordinate individual support plans and monitor services to be provided to a child, the child's family and other supports in the child's life. The Case Managers will conduct intake interviews, coordinate comprehensive assessments of the child's strengths and needs, produce an individualized support plan, coordinate and advocate for services, monitor the child's progress and evaluate the effectiveness of services as they are provided.

Outpatient Mental Health

Outpatient counseling and psychiatric services provided for children and families include: individual, family and group mental health counseling for children and families.

Treatment locations

For additional information, admission or referral, please contact one of our offices:

Bangor
207-299-1414

Augusta
207-622-1404

Lewiston
207-786-8122

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207-771-5700

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