



Foster Care and Community Programs CRR-HH/Therapeutic Out-of-Home Placement (TOP) - Pennsylvania

Description

The KidsPeace Therapeutic Out-of-Home Placement (TOP) Program offers eligible clients a family-based alternative to placement in a residential or hospital setting. Licensed by the Department of Public Welfare and the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, TOP is funded through the office of Medical Assistance. This CRR Host home program provides an array of individualized mental health services to children who reside in KidsPeace foster family settings. Interventions empower clients and their families to develop the skills necessary to function in a healthy, positive manner through the delivery of highly individualized, coordinated care that is designed to maintain children in the least restrictive settings. Behavioral interventions, individual therapy and clinical staff support services are recommended by the treatment team, coordinated through the Clinical Case Manager and monitored by the Clinical Program Manager. Medical, dental and educational needs of the client are met as appropriate. Regular in-home foster parent support and 24/7 crisis intervention are provided.

Population Served

The TOP Program serves children to the age of 18 (to age 21 with special exception). Eligibility requirements include:

- A psychiatric or psychological evaluation that determines a medical necessity for services
- A valid Pennsylvania Access/HealthChoices card
- A five axial DSM-IV-R diagnosis
- An interdisciplinary team recommendation and treatment plan for services

Clients who are appropriate for TOP services may:

- Possess a mental health disorder that interferes with age-appropriate functioning in a home setting
- Need services to prevent hospitalization or placement in a residential setting
- Need services to support a transition from a more restrictive to a community-based setting.

Children who are actively suicidal, overly aggressive, a danger to the community, active fire-setters or in need of 24-hour awake supervision are not appropriate for the TOP program.

Treatment Team

Individualized treatment plans are designed and reviewed for each client by an interdisciplinary team with input from the child, family and Base Services Unit. Team members may include:

- Client, legal parents and/or foster parents
- HealthChoices representative
- Psychologist/psychiatrist
- KidsPeace staff
- Children and Youth or Juvenile Probation representative
- Base Service Unit representative
- School personnel, MCO or any other involved individual.

Staff-to-Client Ratio: 1:5

Service Locations

Offices licensed to provide TOP include Scranton/Honesdale, Danville/Williamsport, Schuylkill Haven, and New Cumberland, with approval for services to be delivered in Carbon, Monroe, Pike, Lycoming, Clinton, Schuylkill, Luzerne, Wyoming, Northumberland, Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wayne, Dauphin, Cumberland, Perry, York, Adams, Columbia, Montour, Snyder and Union Counties.

For additional information or to make a referral for TOP services in Pennsylvania, please contact: one of our local offices or KidsPeace National Centers Administrative Offices, 480 Pierce Street, Suite 320, New Bridge Center, Kingston, PA 18704 • 800-727-4482 • admissions@kidspeace.org • www.fostercare.com

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