

Accessing Mental Health Resources for Children and Adolescents

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The Core Service Agency

- Core Service Agency is with Montgomery County Government that is part of the Department of Health in Human Services, Behavioral Health Planning, Management and Crisis Services
- The **Core Service Agencies** are the local Mental Health Authorities responsible for planning, managing, and monitoring public mental health services at the County level.

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Child and Adolescent Services

- The Child and Adolescent Coordinator with the Core Service Agency primarily provides referrals for community assistance for children and adolescents who have a significant mental illness and/or may have an emotional disability code on their IEP.
- Community referrals may include programs that incorporate a Wraparound Model of service delivery that utilizes child and family teams to create and implement individualized plans of care that are driven by the strengths and needs of the participants and their families.

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Wraparound Referrals

- Interagency Family Preservation Services (IFPS) is a Wraparound program that the Child and Adolescent Coordinator is the 'Gatekeeper' (checks to see if the individual meets criteria) for referrals. IFPS is a 14 week intensive program that provides care coordination services to families who have children with intensive disabilities with identified risk factors.

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Local Care Team

- For referrals to the Local Care Team (LCT) which was formerly called the LCC, the Child & Adolescent Coordinator can also assist with this process and is a voting member on the team.
- The LCT is comprised of the Child Serving Agencies in Montgomery County.
- The LCT meets every Wednesday to brainstorm possible services for referred applicants and is a pathway for County Wraparound Services.

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RICA Evaluation Unit

- The EU offers a psychiatric, educational and environment therapy, as well as educational and psychological evaluations in a therapeutic residential environment. At the conclusion of this 90 day stay, a comprehensive report is provided to the referring agency outlining treatment recommendations.
- CSA is can submit community referrals to the RICA EU.

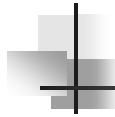
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Residential Treatment Centers (RTC)

- A child/adolescent will only be eligible for admission to a RTC by meeting the “Medical Necessity Criteria”.
- Accessing a RTC can be a lengthy and complicated process. The CSA is part of the RTC process and may be able to assist families.

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Transition Age Youth (TAY) Residential Rehabilitation Programs

- There are 2 programs specifically designed for TAY (ages 18 to 22 years old) in Montgomery County. You may also apply for other TAY programs in the in other jurisdictions.
- Applicants must meet ‘medical necessity criteria’.

For an application please contact Ken Weston
240 777-3338 or 240 777-1400

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Coming Soon in 2016

- Intensive In Home Support Services
With the Crisis Center/ CSA can refer
- Care Coordination Organization (CCO)
For Targeted Case Management (TCM)
Level I, II, III (1915i provides an array of
services) from 3 to 15 hours per month of
TCM services depending on eligibility level for
children and adolescents on Medicaid

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Other County Services

- Montgomery County Crisis Center
The County's **24 Hour Crisis Center** provides telephone and walk-in
services 240 777-4000
- Screening and Assessment Services for Children and Adolescents - Specific
services include information regarding substance abuse assessment and
treatment services; assessment of drug and alcohol abuse as well as other
related problems. 240 777-1430
- Child and Adolescent Outpatient Mental Health Services- Provides family-
focused outpatient mental health services to children, adolescents, and
their families to help address severe emotional, behavioral, substance
abuse, and victimization issues.
240 777-1450
- Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline - 240 777-4417

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