



West Virginia
Kids Thrive
Collaborative

Reducing the Reliance on Residential Services for Children

December 7, 2023

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1. WV Wraparound

Children with Serious Emotional Disorder (CSED) Waiver - Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), Bureau for Medical Services (BMS)

- Implemented by BMS in March 2020
- 2,581 children accessed services year-to-date (March 2020 through October 2023)
- Currently, 778 active participants
- Capacity to serve a total of 2,000 active participants
- Approved to continue home- and community-based services (HCBS) effective February 1, 2023
- Monitoring
 - Time from application to eligibility determination
 - Wait time from eligibility determination to first date of services
 - Fidelity to National Wraparound Implementation (NWI) standards
 - Service utilization and expansion



WV Wraparound (continued)

Children's Mental Health Wraparound – DHHR's Bureau for Behavioral Health (BBH)

- Serves ages 0 – 21 with a mental health diagnosis or intellectual or developmental disability (I/DD) combined with serious behavioral health or mental health concern
- From January 2023 to June 2023, 68 individuals served

Safe at Home (SAH) West Virginia – DHHR's Bureau for Social Services BSS

- Serves youth ages 9 – 18 in the child welfare system and covers interim Wraparound for youth ages 3 – 21 awaiting CSED Waiver determination
- From January 2023 to June 2023, 643 cases were opened, including Wraparound for youth awaiting CSED Waiver determination



2. Children's Mobile Crisis Services

- Mobile Crisis Services policy and application were recently out for public comments, which closed on December 2, 2023
- Agencies will apply to offer Mobile Crisis Services and receive approval before offering services
- Mobile Crisis Services for children will begin as a BMS-funded service in January 2024



3. Residential Models of Care

West Virginia is currently proposing three new models of care:

- Residential Intensive Treatment (RIT) Services
- Specialized Residential Intensive Treatment (SRIT) Services
- Residential Homes



RIT and SRIT Services

RIT aims to serve children presenting with an assessed high acuity of mental health symptoms that have not decreased or that have escalated with home- and community-based services (HCBS) in place

SRIT is proposed to serve distinct populations who require targeted and unique interventions, including:

- Severe Aggressive and/or Violent Behaviors
- Problematic Sexual Behaviors
- Neurodevelopmental and Comorbid Conditions (NACC)
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)



Residential Homes

Residential Homes with Community Based Treatment will serve:

- Youth and children with non-clinical needs for assistance transitioning to a permanent community setting
- Youth and children whose mental health needs can be met by community services while securing a permanent community living setting
- Two distinct settings for:
 - Youth ages 17 to 21 in need of assistance preparing to live independently in the community
 - Three locations opened on September 1, 2023
 - Children ages 13 to 16 in need of assistance to secure and prepare for community family living



Rate Structure for RIT

The rate paid for RIT services is a total of three components. Treatment, supervision, and room and board make up a per diem rate that is standard for this setting type.

- **Treatment:** Specific treatment expectations are set for different settings. Each child will receive a base number of treatment hours per week, the cost of which is incorporated into the overall per diem rate. Additional treatment hours and other treatment interventions and/or assessments can be “layered on” for the child’s benefit and billed outside of the per diem rate.
- **Supervision:** The cost of supervision reflects a set number of supervision hours based on the required ratio for the setting.
- **Room and board:** Cost is set at a flat rate per day across setting types, which includes capital costs.



4. KTC Newsletter

- Collaboration with [Mission West Virginia](#)
- Aims to provide helpful information for WV's foster and adoptive parents and kinship caregivers
- Link: subscribepage.io/KidsThrive
- Or, visit kidsthive.wv.gov and click on **Newsletter**
- Next issue to be released in January 2024



The WV Kids Thrive Collaborative newsletter, developed through a partnership with the [West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources \(DHHR\)](#) and [Mission WV](#), is a new tool to provide consistent and timely information for West Virginia's foster parents, adoptive parents, and kinship caregivers. The newsletter will include helpful parenting information, important dates, available resources, and answers to your questions.

In the coming months, DHHR will evolve into three new Departments, and the WV Kids Thrive Collaborative will become part of the West Virginia Department of Human Services (WVDHS), led by incoming Cabinet Secretary Dr. Cynthia Persily. This Department will consist of the Bureau for Social Services (child welfare, foster care, and adult services), the Bureau for Family Assistance (SNAP, TANF, and other state and federal assistance programs), the Bureau for Behavioral Health (mental and behavioral health systems for children and adults), the Bureau for Medical Services (Medicaid and WVCHIP), and the Bureau for Child Support Enforcement (child support services).

This transition will not change your day-to-day interactions with our staff and services and will result in a greater focus on providing the highest quality services to West Virginia's most vulnerable residents and the caregivers who support them.

The WV Kids Thrive Collaborative newsletter will arrive quarterly. We hope you look forward to receiving it and will share it with family and

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Updates from the DOJ

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KTC Branding Announcement

*To enhance DHHR's communication on
resources available for families and
youth statewide*

New!



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West Virginia thrives**



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