

YES Waiver

Youth Empowerment Services

The Youth Empowerment Services Waiver is a 1915 (c) Medicaid program that partners with families and the community to ensure qualifying Texas youth have access to a variety of community-based services and supports.

What are the benefits of the YES Waiver program?

The YES Waiver is designed to improve the lives of youth with serious mental, emotional and behavioral difficulties, and their families.

- You and your child are supported by a team.
- Services and supports target your child's and family's needs.
- You and your child can access services only available through YES.
- YES helps your child stay in your home and community.

YES Waiver program provides:

- Community living supports
- Employment services
- Family supports
- Paraprofessionals (coaching and mentoring)
- Respite services
- Non-medical transportation
- Minor home modifications
- Specialized therapies
 - » Animal-assisted therapy
 - » Art therapy
 - » Music therapy
 - » Nutritional counseling
 - » Recreational therapy
- Adaptive aids and supports
- Transition services



Your Wraparound facilitator will work with your family to determine which services best meet your child's needs. The types, locations and/or availability of YES offerings can vary.

Who is eligible for the YES Waiver program?

To participate in the YES Waiver, your child must:

- Be 3 through 18 years old.
- Have serious mental, emotional and behavioral difficulties.
- Have a qualifying mental health diagnosis.
- Be at risk of being placed outside of their home because of their mental health needs.
- Meet the criteria to be admitted in a psychiatric hospital.
- Be eligible for Medicaid (parents' income does not apply).
- Currently live in a home setting with a legal guardian or on their own, if legally emancipated.

To learn more, visit the YES Waiver website: hhs.texas.gov/YES-waiver

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