

Region V Systems

Program / Service Specifications

PSS # 116

Wraparound / Professional Partner Program - Children - Mental Health

Dollars Available	Capacity Available	Geographic Location
\$335,400	480 months	Region V
Contractual Expectations/ Performance Measures:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This service will decrease the number of youth who are made state wards in order to access services. • Ensure that services are equitably provided in all counties within the Region based on need. • The following performance measures, at a minimum, must be addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> C After six months in the program, no youth should score higher than 30, indicating severe impairment, on any of the subscales of the CAFAS. C After six months in the program, youth should demonstrate a decrease in their overall CAFAS score of at least 20 points. C 80% of youth with school attendance problems will improve attendance as evidenced by fewer than 9 unexcused absences in the current semester C At least 75% of the youth discharged from the professional partner program will not commit an offense leading to adjudication while in the program. C No more than 20% of the youth discharged from the professional partner program will be placed in a more-restrictive level of care while participating in the program. C The professional partner will receive 85% or greater satisfaction ratings as reported by the youth and families accepted in the program. 	

Reimbursement Rate	Unit	Avg. Length of Stay	Staff: Client Ratio
\$699.00 / unit	One month	12 months	1:10 not to exceed 1:15

General Summary:

Professional Partner programming shall be strength-based, family-centered, and acknowledge families as equal partners. The program provides a flexible, individualized approach that promotes utilization of the least restrictive, least intrusive, developmentally appropriate interventions in accordance with the strengths and needs of the youth. The purpose of the program is to improve the lives of children with serious emotional disturbances and their families, using the Wraparound philosophy to coordinate services and supports to these families, ensuring they have a voice, ownership, and access to a comprehensive, individualized support plan.

At the heart of the Program is a service coordinator, referred to as a professional partner, who works in partnership with each youth and his or her family entering the professional partner program. The professional partner, as part of the child and family team, assists the family with obtaining a comprehensive assessment, developing an Individualized Plan of Care, purchasing both traditional services from a wide variety of providers and flexible supports identified in the Plan of Care, and monitoring outcomes. The professional partner provides for the availability of an accountable individual

to facilitate the development of a wraparound team, made up of at least 50 percent informal supports, and coordinates the services identified in the team's plan of care. Continual and unconditional care and readjustment of the service design and delivery to help the youth and his/her family experience a better quality of well-being is required.

Specific methods for moving toward an interagency system of care are utilized by developing referral sources, collaborative working relationships, and integrating and coordinating with families and public and private child-serving systems. The mix, intensity, duration and location of services and supports are individually tailored to meet the unique developmental, social, behavioral, religious, cultural, spiritual, and economic needs of each youth and his/her family.

Youth are not selected to fit a pre-existing program; rather, the program adapts to meet the needs of the youth. Youth are accepted regardless of the complexities of their behavior characteristics or histories and are never terminated because of the challenging nature of their needs. The youth and family identify what the family would look like when the PP would no longer be needed. Once these objectives are met, or the team has identified and met different objectives, the youth may be discharged.

Special Considerations:

The professional partner must be maintained within an organization which: does not provide any other behavioral health services to enable an independent choice of service provider.

These funds are to be utilized for sustaining services to forty families and four professional partners previously funded by the F3 grant. As grant-funded families are discharged, client case loads must move towards the inclusion of rural families.

Proposal must include how services to current families will be continued. Proposal must also address if the current professional partners, including salaries and benefits, employed by Region V will be utilized and in what capacity, including the process for transition.

Applicant must identify how it will manage and monitor flexible funding, including authorizations to providers to whom referrals are made.

The applicant must comply with all policies and procedures in the State Policy Manual. Professional Partners and their supervisors must attend all State-wide Professional Partner retreats and training meetings.

Utilization of the state's InfoNation (clinical manager) system must be made available for each professional partner, with information submitted on disk to Region V monthly.

Applicant must utilize the *Professional Partner Program Wraparound Fidelity Instrument* and the *Professional Partner Consumer Satisfaction Survey*.

The applicant must identify how it will address the "essential elements" of Wraparound and its experience in using the Wraparound philosophy.

Target Population:

Youth residing in the Region V geographic area, ages 0-21, who exhibit a significant degree of functional impairment due to serious emotional disturbance and/or are at high risk of becoming a state ward in order to access services, being placed out of the home, dropping out of school, or committing a criminal offense. The following criteria must be met in order for a youth to be eligible for programming:

- 1) The youth is under 21 years of age,

- 1) The youth must have a mental illness diagnosable under the current edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* published by the American Psychiatric Association,
- 2) The condition must be persistent in that it has existed for one year or longer, or is likely to endure for one year or longer, and
- 3) The mental illness must result in the functional impairments in two or more of the following areas:
 - C Self-care at an appropriate developmental level;
 - C Developmentally appropriate perception and expressive language;
 - C Learning;
 - C Self-direction, including developmentally appropriate behavioral controls, decision-making judgement, and value systems; and
 - C Capacity for living in a family or family equivalent.

Services and/or Frequency of Service / Therapeutic Contact:

The professional partner shall meet with the team, as a whole, at least once per month and more often, as needed, with individual team members. Contact may range from face-to-face, telephone, email, and written correspondence. The PP shall have sufficient contact so as to facilitate the directives outlined in the team's plan of care, advocate for the youth and his/her family.

Staffing Requirements:

The professional partner shall be a bachelor-level position with experience working with youth and families, human services or related field. The professional partner must have the ability to integrate leadership with the philosophy and practice of equal partnership. The professional partner must have extensive training in the following areas: Wraparound, family-centered planning, cultural competency, family perspective, managing behaviors, and other continuing education as needed.

Note: *Program Narrative* section of proposals must include reference to all material contained in this Program/Service Specification. Special emphasis shall be placed on applicant's plan to address the noted *Contractual Expectations/ Performance Measures* and *Special Considerations*.