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Children's Intensive In-Home Behavioral Support A Program to Prevent Children's Out-of-Home Placement



There's good news to report for families of children with intensive behavior support needs. Just last week, the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services gave our state final approval for a Children's Intensive In-home Behavior Support Medicaid Waiver (CIIBS).

This means that if you have a child with a developmental disability who's at risk of out of home placement due to the intensity of his/her behavioral challenges, you may be eligible for this intensive in-home program.

What Does the Program Provide?

First, a contracted Behavior Specialist of your choice will work with you to conduct a functional behavioral assessment to determine your child's skills and interests; and the causes, triggers and purpose behind his/her challenging behaviors. Based on this assessment and your input, the specialist will complete a Positive Behavior Support Plan individually tailored to your child and family. Your family will receive training and consultation on how to make changes in the home environment; and staffing may be put in place to work directly with your child and provide ongoing training to your family.

The level and amount of service under CIIBS will be greater than what's available to recipients of Individual and Family Services and participants on Basic and Basic Plus waivers.* The main features of the CIIBS program are:

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| ⚙ Positive Behavior Support | ⚙ Planned Out-of-Home Respite | ⚙ Intensive Case Management | ⚙ Child and Family Centered |
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* Funding is limited to an average of \$4,000 per child per month and enrollment is capped at 100 children.

Who's Eligible?

In addition to the typical waiver eligibility criteria, eligibility for this new program will be based on a formula within the DDD assessment that will measure the intensity of behavioral challenges and other out-of-home placement risk factors, such as additional stresses in the home and the availability of natural support systems.

When Does It Begin?

DDD Case Resource Managers will begin processing requests May 1, 2009. Six families per month will be added to the waiver program over the next eighteen months.

For more information about the Children's Intensive In-home Behavioral Support program, or to ask for an assessment, contact your DDD Case Resource Manager.

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