

## Dane County Department of Human Services

### Children, Youth and Families Division - Children's Mental Health Services 2015

Budget: \$6,460,222

#### Introduction/Overview

Dane County Department of Human Services' Children Youth and Families Division provides specialized mental health services for Dane County children and families. The majority of children receiving CYF sponsored mental services are those with the most complex needs and under child welfare and/or juvenile justice jurisdiction. Despite the high rates of insurance eligibility among Dane County children, the CYF Division still allocates over six million dollars budget to Children's Mental Health Services. The vast majority of the CYF Division's Mental Health Service array is purchased from providers within Dane County however a small number of children and youth with complex needs receive specialty case management services from CYF social workers.

#### Services Provided (including consumer target group)

***In- Home Family Counseling*** - The CYF Division purchases two in-home family counseling programs – one targeting teens and their families the other targeting families of younger children with a strong focus on parent skill building and creating safe environments for children. Children and families who access this service must be connected to other CYF Services. Insurance is billed for this program whenever possible but often treatment within a home environment is not covered.

**Vendor:** Family Service Madison [www.fsmad.org](http://www.fsmad.org) .

***Adolescent Day Treatment*** – The CYF Division purchases licensed mental health day treatment services for middle school age youth who are struggling in multiple domains and for whom traditional treatment is not meeting the need (titled Steps to Success). Children and families who access this service must be connected to other CYF Services and either at risk of or placed out of home . **Vendor:** Family Service Madison [www.fsmad.org](http://www.fsmad.org) .

***School Based Mental Health Services*** – The CYF Division purchases mental health crisis stabilization and time limited wraparound case management for children in grades 4K to 8 in the Sun Prairie Verona and Madison Metropolitan School Districts. The program's primary objective is to decrease mental health crisis events of students in the school setting and provide needed family supports to ensure the student's behavioral stability and readiness for learning.

**Vendor:** Catholic Charities Inc. [www.catholiccharitiesofmadison.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesofmadison.org)

***Office based Therapy and Psychiatry*** – The CYF Division purchases traditional therapy and psychiatry services in areas that specialize in trauma informed care and knowledge of child welfare services. Our requests for service are often more intensified and can exceed time frames of traditional care. Provider must seek insurance reimbursement prior to billing DCDHS for services. All of the clients served must be connected to other CYF services. Office based treatment Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy will commence in the spring of 2015. This new contract will prioritize services to DCDHS clients who reside on Madison's south/southwest side and the greater Sun Prairie area.

**Vendor #1:** Rainbow Project Inc. [www.therainbowproject.net](http://www.therainbowproject.net)

**Vendor #2:** Journey Mental Health Center. [www.journeymhc.org](http://www.journeymhc.org) . .

**Vendor #3** Canopy Center Healing and Family Support Services Inc. [www.canopycenter.org](http://www.canopycenter.org)

**Anger Management Services** – The CYF Division purchases group treatment for teens who have exhibited anger management challenges (ATA teen) . The vast majority of the teens are court ordered to treatment and all are connected to other CYF services. Like Steps to Success this program has successfully collected a high percentage of insurance reimbursement.

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**Advocacy and Parent Education Services** – The CYF Division purchases parent advocacy and education services to assist parents in finding appropriate services for their children with mental health concerns. CYF social workers often refer parents whose children have special education needs to this service.

**Vendor:** Wisconsin Family Ties [www.wifamilyties.org](http://www.wifamilyties.org)

**Emergency Services** – CYF purchases mental health screening and intervention for children and adolescents who are considered for a Ch. 51 emergency detention (hospitalization). The provider also monitors children and youth under a CH 51 commitment and provides hospital risk assessments for children in out of home care as well as the Juvenile Detention Center.

**Vendor:** Journey Mental Health Center [www.journeymhc.org](http://www.journeymhc.org)

**Court Ordered Evaluations** - CYF purchases a broker service to provide or seek other qualified parties to provide psychological and psychiatric evaluations ordered by Juvenile Court. The current vendor for this program is Journey Mental Health Center and the vast majority of the evaluations are completed by outside contractors. This service was RFP'd for 2013 and the scope/model modified to better match current needs.

**Vendor:** Community Partnerships, Inc. [www.community-partnerships.org](http://www.community-partnerships.org)

**Mental Health Case Management** – Mental Health Case Management Services are provided under the auspices of Children Come First (CCF) Wraparound Case Management and the Children's Long Term Support (CLTS) Waiver targeting children with a Severe Emotional Disturbance (and placed in foster care). Both program areas are specialty Medicaid funded programs and all the children enrolled are Medicaid eligible. The CYF Division provides the case management for CCF children who are placed in a residential care center and under juvenile court jurisdiction. The Division also manages the CLTS children. Children Come First Services for children residing in a community setting are case managed by an outside vendor. This vendor not only provides case management, but also pays for a wide array of services, out of home placement and psychiatric hospital costs.

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DCDHS – Children Youth and Families Division <https://danecountyhumanservices.org/Family/default.aspx>

**Hospitalization** - A small number of children and youth are hospitalized under Chapter 51 Emergency Detention and Commitment Orders each year and the CYF Division is responsible for a portion of these hospital costs.