

Children's Long Term Support Waiver (CLTS)

Overview of the Program and What it Looks like in Dane County

WHAT IS THE CLTS WAIVER?

Wisconsin's Children's Long-Term Support Waiver Program makes Medicaid funding available to support children with substantial limitations due to developmental, physical, or severe emotional disabilities who are living at home or in the community. Funding may be used to support a range of services based on an assessment of a child's and family's specific needs and identified goals or outcomes.

Who is Eligible?

All children or young adults must meet the basic requirements listed below for CLTS Waiver Program eligibility. To qualify for certain types of funding, there may be additional requirements (see below).

To participate in the CLTS Waiver Program, your child must meet the following criteria:

- Be under 22 years of age
- Be eligible for Wisconsin Medicaid, including:
 - Be a United States citizen or have acceptable immigration status
 - Be a Wisconsin resident
 - Not have income in their name in excess of the current Medicaid standards
 - Live at home, in a foster care setting, or in another eligible community-based setting
 - Meet Level of Care through the functional screen
 - Be able to receive safe and appropriate care at home and/or in the community

Eligibility and What is Next?

Dane County has two Intake Case Managers that complete eligibility for CLTS. In addition eligibility for the program can be done through the Katie Beckett Program. Once a child is eligible they go onto the County Waitlist:

- waitlist is first come first serve

Once a child is to the top of a waitlist a case manager is assigned. There are currently 79 CLTS Case Managers in between four case management entities:

1. Dane Co Human Services:

- 11 CLTS Case Managers in ACS.
- 7 CLTS/CCS Case managers in PEI

2. Family Support & Resource Center

- 23 CLTS Case Managers

3. Teamwork Associates

- 12 CLTS Case Managers

4. Avenues to Community

- 26 CLTS Case Managers. Expanding to 30-32.

- Case Manager Meets with Family and Child in their home:

- case manager gathers information to confirm eligibility
- discuss the importance of the case role and CLTS requirements
- case manager has family fill out needed paperwork
- work with family & child on goals & outcomes
- put in/develop services to help meet these goals & outcomes

What are CLTS Services?

Adult Family Home
Child Care Services
Children's Foster Care
Communication Aids, Assistive Technology, and Interpreter Services
Community Integration Services
Counseling and Therapeutic Services
Daily Living Skills Training
Day Services
Discovery and Career Planning
Family/Unpaid Caregiver Training
Financial Management Services
Grief and Bereavement Counseling
Health and Wellness
Home Modification
Housing Counseling
Mentoring
Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)
Relocation Services
Respite
Safety Prevention and Planning
Self Empowerment and Determination
Specialized Medical and Therapeutic Supplies
Supportive Home Care
Support and Service Coordination
Supported Employment – Small Group
Supported Employment – Individual
Transportation

Ongoing Case Management

- Typical Roles and Responsibilities
 - Meet with family and child at least twice a year (usually more frequent).
 - Regular collateral contact with family, usually every month (phone, e-mail, etc.).
 - Paperwork (service plans, goals and outcomes, assessments, ongoing documentation of case notes)
 - Referrals for services
 - Checking in with providers, school, medical professionals on a regular basis
 - Managing Crisis (police contact, hospitalizations, abuse/neglect, finding placements)
 - Attend meetings and appointments as requested
 - Ongoing team meetings

Collaborating with the ADRC

Approximately 60 CLTS youth transition to Adult Long Term Care per year.

A case manager starts to discuss transition with families and youth at 14 years old.

At 17.5, the CLTS Case Manager makes a referral to the ADRC on behalf of the youth. We provide the ADRC with records and additional needed information.

If requested a case manager will support the youth and family during options and enrollment counseling.

Case Managers justify a youth's current supports and services so there is not a gap in support.

What does CLTS look like in Dane County

- 20 million dollars is allocated to the CLTS Program
- Dane County has tripled in size since 2018. We have gone from 550 children to 1713. 400 children are currently waiting for CLTS in Dane County.
- Dane County is one of the fastest growing counties in the State of WI. We currently add approximately 30 new children to the waitlist per month. We have not seen the referrals plateau for Dane Co.
- Our service system is struggling keeping up with the large expansion. We need growth to happen in a variety of services.
- The needs of families have changed over the years.

Themes we are Seeing as we Grow

- The impact of Covid and overall inability to access other services or get appropriate support is having a strain on CLTS. More crisis situations are coming through our door.
- We are supporting more children and youth with only mental health diagnoses
- An increase in children with dual diagnoses are being supported
- We are supporting a large amount of siblings
- More children at a younger age are being referred to CLTS
- We have created waitlists for services
- More work needs to be done around transition and preparing youth and families
- The need to bring on additional Case Management agencies to help with the waitlist, 2 new agencies will start late 2022/2023