



March 2019

Children's Enhancement Project Summary and Discussion

Ground Rules

- ❖ Avoid repeat questions
- ❖ Everyone has a right to be heard
- ❖ Strive for solution-focused comments
- ❖ Be respectful
- ❖ Some comments may not receive an answer today but all input will be recorded so team can review, respond and post to project website
- ❖ Building specifics (restrooms, exits, etc.) can be answered by regional staff

Habilitation Intervention Services

- ❖ Amount of intervention not based on a budget; based on need
- ❖ Hours of intervention determined by an assessment completed with your chosen provider
- ❖ Can choose to access until 21 years of age

Support Services

- ❖ Supports continue to be determined by a budget
- ❖ Can choose services through a DDA or Family Directed Services
- ❖ Plan year will remain the same
- ❖ Can choose to access until 18 years of age
- ❖ Current budget levels will remain the same for at least the first year with the exception of the Act Early waiver, which will be eliminated
- ❖ Eligibility will be determined using the Vineland-III, not the SIB-R, effective July 1, 2019

Case Management

- ❖ Supports plan will continue to be written with Department case manager
- ❖ Case management is required for families who access traditional supports.
- ❖ Case management is an option for families who choose intervention only through the state plan,
- ❖ Case management is an option for FDS families to access intervention through the state plan

Support Service Names

- ❖ Traditional
 - ❖ Respite
 - ❖ Adolescent Respite (proposed new service)
 - ❖ Community Based Supports (formerly Habilitative Supports)
 - ❖ Family Education
- ❖ Family Directed Supports

Respite

- ❖ Independent Respite providers may provide group respite for up to three eligible siblings if:
 - ❖ The Independent respite provider is a relative; and
 - ❖ The service is provided in the home of the participants or the home of the independent respite provider
- ❖ Respite may be delivered at the same time an unpaid caregiver is receiving Family Education

Adolescent Respite

- ❖ Adolescent respite care provides supervision for children ages 12 and older
- ❖ May be used to support the child while the unpaid caregiver is working
- ❖ Is only available to participants living with an unpaid caregiver
- ❖ Service is intended for after school or when school is out of session

Community-Based Support & Family Education

- ❖ Based on recommendations from January meetings, the new proposed name for the service formerly known as Habilitative Supports is Community-Based Supports
- ❖ Recommendation to allow family education to be provided to other caregivers, not just the parent or guardian

Family Directed Services

- ❖ Fiscal Employer Agent
- ❖ Support Broker
- ❖ Community Support Worker
- ❖ Adaptive Equipment
- ❖ Services not available through State Plan but are recommended by an appropriate practitioner (e.g. Music Therapy)

Family Directed Services

- ❖ Support Categories
 - ❖ Personal Support – help maintain health, safety, and basic quality of life.
 - ❖ Relationship Support – help maintain positive relationships and build natural support systems.
 - ❖ Emotional Support—help learn and practice behaviors consistent with goals and wishes while minimizing interfering behaviors
 - ❖ Transportation Support – help accomplish identified goals.
 - ❖ Adaptive Equipment – items to meet medical or accessibility need and promote independence.

Family Directed Services

- ❖ The category of LSS will be discontinued effective July 1, 2019.
- ❖ Families may choose to include an equivalent service to Adolescent Respite on the SSP.
- ❖ No services on the SSP may be delivered in a group.
- ❖ Families who want to use an independent provider for Intervention services will be provided with information on how to enroll the provider at the April trainings. Information will also be sent out.

Support Providers

- ❖ Traditional
 - ❖ Community-Based Supports Providers
 - ❖ Respite Providers
 - ❖ Family Education Providers

- ❖ Family Directed Services
 - ❖ Community Support Worker
 - ❖ Support Broker
 - ❖ Fiscal Employer Agent

Submit Comments Now

Transition Plan

All families will fully transition into the Enhanced Services based on their current plan end date.

- ❖ Plans with start dates between now and June 30, 2019
- ❖ Plans expiring in July 2019
- ❖ Plans expiring after August 1, 2019

Transition Plan

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No intervention can be authorized on a plan of service after July 1, 2019. The following will occur:

- ❖ Every child who has an intervention on their existing plan will have a Prior authorization issued for intervention hours to begin effective July 1, 2019. Children will continue to receive the same number of intervention hours as was written on the plan prior to June 30.
- ❖ A Notice of Authorization will be mailed to the parent and provider.
- ❖ Families must complete the Assessment and Clinical Treatment plan prior to the end of their prior authorization date to continue receiving intervention.
- ❖ If additional hours are needed prior to the end of the authorization date, the family can work with their provider to complete an Assessment and Clinical Treatment Plan.

Transition Plan

Start Dates Between Now and June 30

- ❖ These plans are currently being written to end intervention on June 30, 2019.
- ❖ Prior authorization for intervention for the number of hours on the current plan of service will begin July 1, 2019 and run through the supports plan end date.
- ❖ Supports will continue as written on the plan.
- ❖ Family will complete Assessment and Clinical Treatment Plan prior to supports plan end date to continue intervention services.

Transition Plan Plans Expiring July 2019

- ❖ These plans are written with no intervention on the plan. Only supports services will be included on these plans.
- ❖ Prior authorization for intervention for the number of hours on the previous plan of service will begin July 1, 2019 and run through the supports plan end date.
- ❖ Family will complete Assessment and Clinical Treatment Plan prior to supports plan end date to continue intervention services.

Transition Plan

Plans Expiring after August 1, 2019

- ❖ These plans have already been written and may have intervention hours written on their plan through the budget.
- ❖ Prior authorization for intervention for the number of hours on the plan of service will begin July 1, 2019 and run through the supports plan end date.
- ❖ Family will complete Assessment and Clinical Treatment Plan prior to supports plan end date to continue intervention services.
- ❖ If there are additional funds remaining in the budget once intervention is removed, families may work with their case manager to write an addendum.

Transition Plan Act Early

If your child is accessing the Act Early waiver or will access on their new plan before June 30, 2019, please contact your child's case manager and/or your regional supervisor to discuss your child's transition plan.

April Enhancement Trainings

- ❖ The FACS team will be traveling statewide in April to provide Enhancement training to families.
- ❖ Schedules available here today. If additional copies are needed, please ask a project staff.

Questions?