

Homecare Program

ALL REFERRALS TO THE HOMECARE PROGRAM MUST COME FROM COURT SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION (CSSD) PROBATION STAFF

- Our goal is to engage youth under age 19 involved in the justice system with appropriate mental health services in their home communities, thus decreasing recidivism to detention centers or jails related to unmet psychiatric needs, and allowing treatment to occur in the most appropriate, least restrictive environment.

Services Provided

- Psychiatric evaluation and short term medication management within selected Federally Qualified Health Centers and mental health clinics throughout Connecticut
- Short-term intensive case management, bridging services and collaboration through the home office located at the UConn School of Medicine

Care Providers

- Child/adolescent psychiatric APRNs working in collaboration with child psychiatrists to provide a multicultural, co-disciplinary approach to care

Clinic Locations

- Current clinics are in Federally Qualified Health Care Centers and mental health clinics:
Meriden, Bridgeport, New London, Norwalk, Waterbury, West Hartford, and New Britain.

Program Eligibility

- Priority is given to adjudicated adolescents exiting juvenile detention centers. However, any adolescent with juvenile justice involvement, such as probation or Families With Service Needs (FWSN) with immediate mental health needs will be evaluated and triaged. To be considered for this program a **Homecare Initial Referral Form** or **CSSD HCPPROB Form** and any supporting documentation from probation will need to be submitted for evaluation. One of the most essential pieces of information needed is the **youth's insurance information, including the policy number**. This is required to process referrals into the clinics. All forms must be completed and submitted in order to be accepted into the program. We no longer require the parent consent form as these forms are obtained at the time of admission to the clinic, when care begins.

Referral Information

- Fax number and e-mail are on the referral form. You are encouraged to call Geri Pearson, the director of the Homecare Program, at **860-679-4089** if you have any questions about your referral or the type of services needed. Please complete the referral and send it with supporting documents to the triage office. You will be contacted by a clinician within a few days. The Homecare Program will arrange an evaluation as soon as possible, usually within two to three weeks of referral, more quickly if the need is urgent.

Whom Should I NOT Refer?

- Adolescents with current prescribing caregivers are not eligible for Homecare Program services. While the program will accept adolescents with private insurance, their families will be encouraged to arrange private care as soon as possible. Adolescents with high clinical acuity may not be appropriate for this level of community care. **THE HOMECARE PROGRAM DOES NOT DIRECTLY PROVIDE PSYCHOTHERAPY SERVICES.** Program staff can assist in referrals to additional services.

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