



YES News & Updates

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SERVICES NEWSLETTER

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New mental health programs, services effective June 30th

The Youth Empowerment Services system of care continues to expand with additional Medicaid covered services, programs and supports available June 30th, 2019.

As part of the continued implementation of the YES System of Care, Optum Idaho will implement Targeted Care Coordination as a billable service effective June 30, 2019. Providers statewide received training on the TCC service including facilitation of the Child and Family Team, Person Centered Service Plan development, provider requirements, billing for the service, etc. On-demand trainings will also be available to continue to grow the workforce.

Optum Idaho will add three new services and two service programs to the Idaho Behavioral Health Plan effective June 30, 2019.

New Services

Day Treatment is a structured program available to child/adolescents exhibiting severe needs that can be addressed and managed in a level of care that is less intensive than inpatient psychiatric hospitalization, partial hospitalization or residential treatment, but requires a higher level of care than intensive or routine outpatient services.

Youth Support is a service that assists and supports the adolescent in understanding their role in accessing services, becoming informed consumers of services and self-advocacy.

Behavior Modification and Consultation is a service for youth to produce meaningful changes in a behavior(s). This may be provided at any time and in any setting to meet your needs, including home, school, and other locations.

New Service Programs

Therapeutic After School and Summer Programs are offered by community organizations to meet the needs of children in their areas. The programs include qualified behavioral health professionals to work with each child on behavioral goals in a recreational or after-school setting.

Intensive Home and Community Based Services are provided to children or youth who are experiencing social, emotional and behavioral difficulties and need more intensive services to increase stability across settings and help prevent out of home placement.



Changes in Respite Voucher Program: What you need to know

The Children's Mental Health Respite Care Voucher Program is now managed by BPA Health, effective June 1, 2019.

Respite care offers short-term relief for primary caregivers. Through the voluntary voucher program, BPA Health issues payment for respite care services to providers selected by the family, someone who is already familiar with and equipped to handle the family's specific situation.

This allows qualified families of children with serious emotional disturbance (SED) the opportunity to decompress or tend to important matters.

For details and how to apply, click here: <https://www.bpahealth.com/respitecareidaho/>.

Voucher Respite is different than the Medicaid Respite Service. Please visit the [member area](#) of Optum Idaho's website for information on Medicaid Respite.

Optum Idaho Member Line
1-855-202-0973

[Optum Idaho online](#)
Find a network provider

Liberty Healthcare
1-877-305-3469
Schedule an assessment



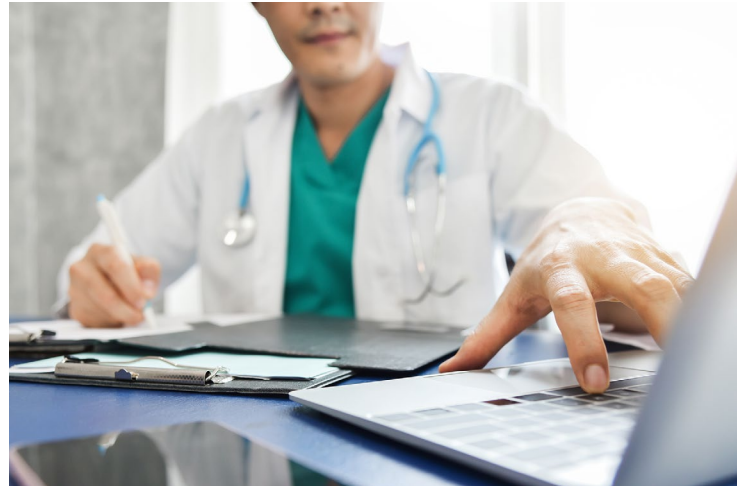
Online Children's Mental Health Screener Tool Coming July 1st

An online tool to help practitioners identify youth with unmet mental health needs will be available beginning July 1, 2019.

The Idaho Children's Mental Health Screener was specifically designed for practitioners in a non-mental health setting. Family doctors, probation officers, child-serving professionals in social services or schools and others may use the screener if there is an indication that the youth may need help with their mental health.

This screener was developed from one of the new tools now in use in Youth Empowerment Services, the [Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths \(CANS\)](#). CANS certification is not required to use the screener. The Idaho Children's Mental Health Screener cannot be used in place of a complete CANS assessment. It is meant to help identify youth who may benefit from further assessment for serious emotional disturbance.

The screener takes approximately 10 - 15 minutes to complete. Once the information is entered, the screener will either suggest the family contact Idaho's independent assessor for further assessment for serious emotional disturbance, or provide contact information for the Idaho Careline at 2-1-1, for further assistance as needs may still be present.



Once the Idaho Children's Mental Health Screener is available, a link to the tool will be posted on the Healthcare Provider page of the YES website in the Provider section. Until then, you can use the paper version available on the [Provider](#) page and the [Resources and Training](#) page.

Weekly Q&A Sessions are scheduled through July. The Q&A Sessions will go over how to administer the Idaho Children's Mental Health Screener and answer any questions. Registration is open now for these free, one hour sessions in July and August on the [YES Calendar of Events](#).

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RESOURCE

Changes to ICANS Social Security Number Requirement

Effective June 10, 2019, changes to the web-based ICANS system now allow any ICANS user to create a record within the system using all zeros (000-00-0000) as the Social Security Number (SSN) without having to contact the ICANS Helpdesk. For details, download the [Division of Behavioral Health's ICANS changes memo](#) here.



PROJECT

YES Goals and Accomplishments Project Update - 1st Quarter 2019

The YES Goals and Accomplishments report for January - March, 2019 provides a snapshot of the accomplishments achieved by the YES team for the previous two quarters, and the goals the team is working to accomplish over the next two quarters. This easy to ready, one page report is available on the Reports and Updates webpage or by clicking here: [YES Project Status Report 1st Quarter 2019](#).

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