



YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SERVICES

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What is Youth Empowerment Services?

The state of Idaho offers a new system of care for children with serious mental health needs and their families. It's called Youth Empowerment Services, or YES. YES gives families, healthcare providers, educators and counselors new tools to identify children with mental health needs. YES also improves access to the resources families need to improve their child's mental health.

This new system of care is designed to look at the strengths and needs of the child/youth and their caregivers. This means the child/youth and their family drive the decisions of the treatment planning team. The plan is designed to meet the child's and family's needs, with appropriate services and supports located in the child's community.

What is Serious Emotional Disturbance?

A child with serious emotional disturbance, or SED, has a mental, behavioral or emotional issue that limits their ability to participate in family, school or community activities. A new tool, the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) will be used in Idaho to measure functional impairment and to help guide treatment planning and measure effectiveness.

Qualifying Diagnosable Mental Illness + Substantial Functional Impairment = SED

What Changes are Now in Effect with YES?

Medicaid Independent Assessor, Liberty Healthcare, is available to assess children who may have a serious emotional disturbance (SED). This assessment is required for:

- Families with incomes up to 300 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) who are not currently eligible for Medicaid but want to apply for Medicaid coverage for their child who potentially has SED.
- Families who are currently on Medicaid who wish to access Medicaid-covered respite services for their child with SED. Medicaid will pay for respite services that are identified on a person-centered service plan as one of the service needs of the child. Person-centered service planning is a process directed by the individual and family to identify the strengths, capacities, preferences, needs and desired outcomes of the individual to create a treatment plan.

Note: Person-centered service planning is only available to Medicaid members.

What Services & Supports are now in Effect?

New Medicaid Reimbursable Services

- Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS)
- Child & Family Team (CFT) Interdisciplinary team meeting
- Case Consultation
- Crisis Intervention
- Psycho-education

Services Updated to Comply with the Principles of Care and Practice Model

- Skills Building/Community Based Rehabilitation Services (CBRS)
- Respite Care
- Comprehensive Diagnostic Assessment (CDA)
- Psychotherapy
- Treatment Planning
- Medication Management
- Psych/Neuro Testing



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What's Coming Next?

Additional services and supports are scheduled to be available beginning June 30, 2019. See the YES Services and Supports webpage or Optum Idaho's website for details: www.Optumidaho.com.

What Resources and Tools are Available?

YES.idaho.gov is a website designed to help parents, youth, providers and other community members understand the new system of care. In the [Resources>Publications](#) section, you will find a practice manual, brochures, mental health checklists for families and youth, and more. A video explaining the CANS tool for families is also now available from the [Resources>Videos](#) page of the YES website. Subscribe on the YES website to a quarterly YES newsletter to get the latest news and announcements in your inbox. Visit [About YES>Newsletter](#) page to sign up.

Who is Developing the YES System of Care?

YES is being developed by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare in collaboration with the Idaho State Department of Education, the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections, and community members.

Contacting YES

Information on who to contact for youth mental health assessment, Medicaid, services and supports, and other YES related questions is on the [Contact Us](#) of the YES website, YES.idaho.gov website.



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Empowering the mental wellness of children, youth and their families.