

**Your Community Needs You:
Become a Provider**



Join a statewide network of authorized providers delivering community-based services to youth and their families to meet their needs and goals within a Wraparound planning process.

Youth using the **YES** waiver services:

- Are 3 through 18 years old.
- Have serious mental, emotional and behavioral difficulties.
- Have a qualifying mental health diagnosis.
- Are at risk of being removed from their home because of their mental health needs.

Service providers are paid through state and federal Medicaid funding.

Youth Empowerment Services Waiver Program

YES is a 1915(c) Medicaid waiver program partnering with families and the community to ensure qualifying Texas youth have access to community-based services and supports that are:

- Family centered
- Coordinated
- Effective at preventing out-of-home placement
- Promoting lifelong independence and self-defined success

Contact Your Local Mental Health Authority

To learn more about becoming a provider in your area, contact your Local Mental Health Authority.

To find your area LMHA, visit apps.hhs.texas.gov/contact/search.cfm.

To learn more about the YES waiver program, visit hhs.texas.gov/yes-waiver-providers or email YesWaiver@hhs.state.tx.us.

YES Waiver

Information for **Individual Service Providers** and **Provider Agencies** serving youth and families



hhs.texas.gov/yes-waiver

If you've worked with youth or are skilled in specialized therapeutic services, learn how you can become an authorized YES waiver service provider.



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What services can you provide?

YES waiver participants and their families get services from a wide range of community-based providers across Texas. The program is always looking for qualified providers who can deliver the following services:



SPECIALIZED THERAPIES

These are non-traditional services that provide alternative modalities of therapy for youth. These are designed to improve or maintain a YES waiver participant's health, welfare and effective functioning in the community. Therapies include:

1. Animal-assisted therapy
2. Art therapy
3. Licensed nutritional counseling
4. Music therapy
5. Recreational therapy

COMMUNITY LIVING SUPPORTS

Community Living Supports provide curriculum-based skills training and use evidence-based practices to help participants and their families increase their potential, learn new skills to promote independence and integration into the community, and overcome barriers.

The skills training can include:

- Independent living skills
- Anger management
- Socialization
- Relationship-building skills
- Positive communication

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

1. Employment Assistance providers deliver job skills training to help participants get employed in the community and meet their career goals.
2. Supported Employment providers help participants maintain meaningful employment.

FAMILY SUPPORTS

- Provide peer mentoring and support to the primary caregivers.
- Engage the family in the treatment process.
- Model self-advocacy skills.
- Provide information, referral and non-clinical skills training.



PARAPROFESSIONALS

Paraprofessionals are skilled behavioral aides that support the participant to meet specific goals and serve as a mentor of independent living skills. Examples of skilled mentoring include training in symptom management, personal hygiene, food preparation, exercise, money management and community engagement.

RESPIRE SERVICES

Respite Services are provided on a short-term basis to address the need for relief or absence of caretakers. The YES waiver provides in-home and out-of-home respite services.



NON-MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

This service provides transportation for participants to gain access to YES waiver appointments and other community services, activities and resources.

SUPPORTIVE FAMILY-BASED ALTERNATIVES

Supportive family-based alternatives provide therapeutic support and model appropriate behaviors while the participant temporarily resides in a home other than the home of their legally authorized representative. The goal is to enable participants to successfully return home to live in the community with their family.

Becoming a Provider

PROVIDER CONTRACTING OPTIONS

YES Waiver Service Provider: Contract directly with certified YES waiver provider organizations to provide one or more services. To become an approved service provider, you must:

- Meet eligibility requirements.
- Pass criminal history and background checks.
- Provide required credentialing for respective services.

Comprehensive Waiver Provider:

Contract with Texas Health and Human Services and agree to provide all of the services available under the waiver either through employees or subcontracted providers.

To become a provider, you must submit an application and meet all eligibility requirements described in the Notice of Open Enrollment.

Visit hhs.texas.gov/yes-waiver-providers and click the link under How to Become a YES Provider to see the Notice of Open Enrollment. See other requirements for becoming a provider in the YES Policy Manual under the Handbooks section.