

# Youth Empowerment Services (YES) Waiver

What if I have more questions?

Gulf Bend Center of Victoria, Jackson,  
Lavaca, DeWitt, Goliad, Refugio, and  
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## Waiver Provider Information



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## What is the YES Waiver?

The YES Waiver is a 1915(c) Medicaid Waiver that allows for more flexibility in the funding of intensive community based services for children and adolescents with severe emotional disturbances and their families.

## Who is a Waiver Provider?

A Waiver Provider is an entity that:

- Enters into a Waiver Provider Agreement to provide or arrange for Waiver Services
- Meets the credentialing standards defined by DSHS
- Waiver Provider could be:
  - existing waiver provider agencies (DADS)
  - individuals/agencies specialized in providing services to children and adolescents
- Community LMHA cannot be YES Waiver Providers unless there are no other available provider agencies in a service area

## What are the YES Waiver Services?

Waiver Providers must provide or arrange for Waiver services.

The following services are provided under the YES Waiver:

- Respite
- Community Living Supports
- Family Supports
- Specialized Psychiatric Observation
- Transitional Services
- Adaptive Aids & Supports
- Minor Home Modifications
- Non-Medical Transportation
- Paraprofessional Services
- Professional Services
- Supportive Family Based Alternatives

## Who is Eligible for YES Waiver Services?

To participate in the YES Waiver, the child or adolescent must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be between the ages of 3-18 years.
- Reside in Victoria, Jackson, Lavaca, DeWitt, Goliad, Refugio, or Calhoun County;
- Reside in a non-institutional setting with the child's or adolescent's Legally Authorized Representative (LAR); or in the child's or adolescent's own home or apartment, if legally emancipated;
- Be eligible for Medicaid, under a Medicaid Eligibility Group included in

the approved waiver;

- Choose, or have the LAR choose, the waiver program services as an alternative to care in an inpatient psychiatric facility
- Meets DSHS clinical criteria; and
- There must be a reasonable expectation that, without waiver services, the child or adolescent would qualify for inpatient care under the Texas Medicaid inpatient psychiatric admission guidelines.

## How can I become a YES Waiver Provider?

Contact Tracy Chase with Gulf Bend Center at 361-575-0611, ext 144

## Waiver Providers will...

- Enter into contract with Gulf Bend Center
- Complete Required Training
- Submit billing/invoices
- Submit encounter data
- Participate in Individual Plan of Care (IPC) development and maintenance with the Local Mental Health Authority
- Participate in Utilization Management in accordance with approved IPC
- Participate as part of the child's wraparound team.