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What if I have more questions?

Contact the Care Management Entity (CME) in your region:

Baltimore City Region

(Baltimore City only)

Wraparound Maryland

www.wraparoundmd.org

410-219-5070

North Western Region

(Allegany, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Montgomery & Washington)

Maryland Choices

www.choicesteam.org/Maryland

301-947-0023

South Eastern Region

(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Kent, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico & Worcester)

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www.medschool.umaryland.edu/innovations/RTC_Waiver.asp

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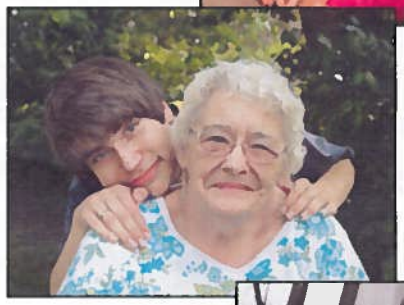
Community Treatment and Support for Maryland Children and Youth with Intensive Mental Health Needs



RTC Waiver

What is the RTC Waiver?

The RTC Waiver is a program that uses a team-based approach called Wraparound to provide mental health and medical services to youth with serious mental health needs. The team, which includes the youth, family members, care coordinators, and service providers, develops a plan of care that allows the youth to receive services and supports in the community rather than in a residential treatment center. The plan of care and services are individualized to the strengths and needs of each family.

The youth can receive services for up to two years. Because of the specialized services, the RTC waiver has a limited number of openings, or slots, each year.

What are the benefits to participating in the RTC Waiver?

Using a team approach, youth can receive medical services through HealthChoice and mental health services through Maryland's Public Mental Health System. Additionally, youth and their families can receive waiver-specific support and services such as:

- Caregiver and Youth Peer-to-Peer Support;
- Family and Youth Training;
- Crisis and Stabilization Services;
- Expressive and Experiential Behavioral Services; and
- In and Out-of-Home Respite Care.

How does someone apply for the RTC Waiver?

Everyone applying for the program must complete an application through their regional Care Management Entity (CME). CMEs will be available to help fill out application packets and assist in the application approval process. They will also help determine if there are slots available.

How does someone qualify for the RTC Waiver?

In order to qualify for the program, the youth must meet certain financial eligibility rules, be 6 to 20 years old, meet certain medical criteria, and have the ability to be safely served in the community.

What if I apply and there are no slots, is there a waiting list?

If there are no available slots, your name will be added to a waiting list. The list is first-come first served. As slots open up, more families will be able to apply.