

## Youth Empowerment Services

**The Youth Empowerment Services Waiver is a 1915 (c) Medicaid program that partners with families and the community to ensure qualifying Texas youth have access to a variety of community-based services and supports.**

## What are the benefits of the YES Waiver program?

The YES Waiver is designed to improve the lives of youth with serious mental, emotional and behavioral difficulties, and their families.

- You and your child are supported by a team.
- Services and supports target your child's and family's needs.
- You and your child can access services only available through YES.
- YES helps your child stay in your home and community.

## YES Waiver program provides:

- Community living supports
- Employment services
- Family supports
- Paraprofessionals (coaching and mentoring)
- Respite services
- Non-medical transportation
- Minor home modifications
- Specialized therapies
  - » Animal-assisted therapy
  - » Nutritional counseling
  - » Art therapy
  - » Recreational therapy
  - » Music therapy
- Adaptive aids and supports
- Transition services



**Your Wraparound facilitator will work with your family to determine which services best meet your child's needs. The types, locations and/or availability of YES offerings can vary.**

## Who is eligible for the YES Waiver program?

To participate in the YES Waiver, your child must:

- Be 3 through 18 years old.
- Have serious mental, emotional and behavioral difficulties.
- Have a qualifying mental health diagnosis.
- Be at risk of being placed outside of their home because of their mental health needs.
- Meet the criteria to be admitted in a psychiatric hospital.
- Be eligible for Medicaid (parents' income does not apply).
- Currently live in a home setting with a legal guardian or on their own, if legally emancipated.

**To learn more, visit the YES Waiver website:**  
**[hhs.texas.gov/YES-waiver](https://hhs.texas.gov/YES-waiver)**

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