



Community Based Alternatives for Youth (CBAY)

Overview

CBAY is a 5-year federal demonstration grant project, targeting children who have been diagnosed with serious emotional and behavioral disturbances. Georgia is one of ten states who received this grant award. The project uses the wraparound philosophy to access community supports in order to keep children and youth with families, and out of Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (**PRTFs**). The project will be rolled across the state by regions, and to all Kidnet sites.

Eligibility Requirements

Children and Youth/Young Adults through age 21, with a primary diagnosis of mental illness, as identified under DSM-IV (or most current version), who are placed in, or are at risk for placement in a PRTF, are eligible to receive services under this program. Participants may be dually diagnosed, as long as one of the diagnoses is under mental illness.

Services Offered

CBAY offers children/youth and family teams the following services:

- Care Management
- Community Guide
- Community Transition Services
- Consultative Clinical & Therapeutic Svcs
- Customized Goods & Services
- Family Training & Supports
- Financial Support Services
- Respite
- Supported Employment
- Transportation
- Wraparound Services - Unskilled

How to Enroll

Children and Youth are referred to the program either by **1)** their treating physician/provider or **2)** their PRTF treatment team.

Additional Information

To receive additional information about CBAY, please call Georgia's Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities at 404-657-2103, or email your questions to CBAYQuestions@dhr.state.ga.us.