

Description of Programs and Services (revised February, 2013)

Outpatient Therapy and Psychiatric Services

Assessment, Counseling and Education (ACE): An outpatient practice featuring treatment services provided by in-house and contracted professionals. Services range from evaluation, treatment, education, consultation, psychological testing, psychiatric and medication management for parents and children who are overwhelmed by a problem or needing guidance on how to work on problems. Medicaid is billed for these services.

Foster Care Services

Angel's Watch: A 24/7 foster program that provides temporary crisis or long-term foster care for children who are age 0-6 (with siblings up to age 10), who are not in the custody of the Department of Social Services, and whose families are temporarily unable to care for them because of a crisis are eligible for the program. Placement can maintain up to 90 days while the family attempts to resolve the problems. Funding is provided by United Way. There are no fees for this service.

Family Foster Care: A 24/7 foster care program that provides care for children who need a long-term foster care placement and who are not eligible for therapeutic foster care services. These children must be in the custody of the Department of Social Services. Funding is by the Department of Social Services.

PERCS: A short-term emergency foster care program for Buncombe County children ages 0-18 who have been removed from their homes by DSS. This program provides a safe, supportive environment while long-term placement is being arranged. Residential case managers place special emphasis on helping children understand their situation and adjust to the changes taking place in their lives. Funding is provided by United Way and the Department of Social Services.

Therapeutic Foster Care: Therapeutic Foster Care accommodates the exceptional and intensive needs of children who are unable to live with their own families and who: Can benefit from care in a family setting; and who have clinical needs that exceed those supports available in a family foster care home; or are transitioning from group care as part of the process of returning to family and community. Medicaid is billed for these services.

Residential Services

Cornerstone: A home for five (5) Buncombe County young women, ages 16-21, who have long-term problems, are too old for adoption, and have no option for returning home. Teaching-Parents teach the girls how to achieve independent living skills including decision-making, goal setting, as well as household and money management. Funding is provided by United Way and a grant from the Federal Government.

Phoenix Homes: A boy's home and a girl's home for children with emotional and behavioral challenges who cannot live with their families and who can benefit from care in a group home setting. They attend regular schools and work on family reunification. Funding is provided by the Department of Juvenile Justice, and Medicaid is billed for these services.

Trinity Place: A six-bedroom runaway and homeless shelter for children ages 10-17 who stay up to 15 days. The shelter provided a safe, non-secure residence for over 200 children last year. Case managers provide counseling for youth and their families with the goal of reuniting the family or arranging long-term placement in addition to providing links to community services. Funding is provided by the department of Juvenile Justice and the Federal government. No fees are charged to the family.

Respite Services

Respite Scholarship Program: A program that provides scholarships for short-term respite care for families of seriously emotionally disturbed children. Families are eligible for up to 10 respite days per year. Scholarships are awarded by a panel of local service providers and family members, and the program is funded by the United Way and a grant from the Department of Health and Human Services.

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