

# Linkages for Serving Youth Child Services State Agencies

Linkage Information	Dept. of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Children's Behavioral Health Services	Dept. of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Child Welfare Services	Dept. of Corrections (DOC)
<b>Criterion of Eligibility for Supports &amp; Services</b>	Any Child from age 0 through 20 with a diagnosis of MH, MR, Autism, PDD, or 0 through school age at risk of one of these diagnosis.	Any child and family where a child protective referral has been opened for assessment is eligible for family rehabilitation services. Also, in cases where the child is in DHHS custody, a full array of services is available to the child and family.	Youth who have been referred to the Division of Juvenile Services because they have been charged with or adjudicated of a juvenile offense.
<b>Necessary Assessments in order to Determine Eligibility for Services</b>	Assessments by: Psychologists Masters level clinicians Physicians Assessment tools can be used that are approved by DHHS i.e. cafas, cilocus, FES, CHAT, etc	Families and children involved in the DHHS child welfare system are eligible to receive a fully array of services based on their assessed needs for services and supports. These services include various kinds of evaluations and counseling supports as well as many other types of family support services.	Risk assessments, Substance abuse evaluation, Mental health screening, Psychological evaluation, Education assessments, if committed to secure juvenile correctional facilities.
<b>Timeframe to make referral and/or to Involve in Transition Planning Process for Children</b>	Children transitioning into adult services should internal referral at 16 for Adult MR services and full referral at 17 1/2. For MH referrals to community case management agencies at 17 1/2  *** DHHS adult services case manager should be invited to the student's PET at age 16.	For older youth in DHHS care who are likely to be referred to adult mental health or adult mental retardation services, the initial referral to determine eligibility should be made at age 16. This follows a written protocol between the former BDS, DHHS, and BEAS.  *** DHHS adult mental health case worker should be invited to the student's PET at age 16	DOC works with youth from 11-21 years of age.

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Linkage Information	Dept. of Labor (DOL) Division for the Blind & Visually Impaired (DBVI)	Dept. of Labor (DOL) Career Centers	Dept. of Education (DOE) Special Services
<b>Criterion of Eligibility for Supports &amp; Services</b>	DBVI Education Services work with children from birth to 22 and consult with LEA's in meeting their obligations to students with visual impairments.	Any youth ages 14 through 21 - Information Center and job Seeking services. Income eligible youth ages 14 through 21 may receive WIA services such as work experiences or training	Students age 14 to 20 (not graduated) who need special education services due to one or more of the following: 1) Visual impairments, including blindness; 2) Hearing impairments, including deafness; 3) Speech and language impairments; 4) Specific learning disabilities; 5) Orthopedic impairments; 6) Emotional disability; 7) Mental retardation; 8) Autism; 9) Traumatic brain injury; 10) Other health impairment; 11) Deafness and blindness; or 12) Multiple disabilities.
<b>Necessary Assessments in order to Determine Eligibility for Services</b>		None	Any or a combination of the following: Medical, psychological, OT/PT, neuropsychological, achievement, others determined necessary for determining eligibility.
<b>Timeframe to make referral and/or to Involve in Transition Planning Process for Children</b>		Ages 14 through 21, in or out of school	Each SAU must provide an annual statement of the transition services needed by a youth with disabilities in transition. The statement of transition services must be provided to all youth with disabilities in transition who are 16 years of age or older and enrolled in school and may be provided to younger students when the school administrative unit finds it necessary. When appropriate, a cooperative agreement among the Department of Education, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Corrections and the Department of Labor must be included as part of the annual statement describing the responsibilities of and coordination required by those agencies.