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Memo: Child Mental Health Wraparound (CMHW) program

The Child Mental Health Wraparound (CMHW) program which is operated by the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) is a program that provides home and community-based services to children with behavioral health needs. Children who may be eligible for this program meet the following criteria:

- Age 6-17
- Resides in their home or community
- Eligible for Medicaid
- Meets criteria for 2 or more DSM non exclusionary diagnoses
- Does not have an exclusionary diagnosis

The program provides services to support the youth's behavioral health needs. The services are intensive and are provided to the youth and their family in the home and community. Please refer to this [guide](#) to learn more about this program.

In May 2022, DMHA began the transition to a statewide access site for the CMHW program. Child Advocates is the vendor that DMHA has chosen to provide this service to the community. You may have been accustomed to contacting your local community mental health center (CMHC) to make a referral to this program. This process has changed.

To refer a child to this program, DMHA has established two methods:

1. Call 211 and ask to make a referral to the wraparound program. The 211 professionals will help you to complete the referral form
2. If you would like to complete the referral form on your own, you can access it [here](#)

Once a referral is made, Child Advocates will contact the person who made the referral as well as the child's caregiver to determine their interest in applying for the program. This program is voluntary, so if the family desires to apply, Child Advocates will assist the family, gather needed documentation, and submit the program application. DMHA will review the application and determine the child's eligibility for the CMHW program. If the child is not eligible, Child Advocates can refer the child to other services and supports.



At a minimum, the following information is required to make a referral.

- Child's first & last name
- Caregiver's first & last name
- Child's address including the county they reside in
- Contact information for the caregiver
- Your contact information as the referral source

It is important to note that the transition to the statewide access site is occurring in three phases. During this transition, the local CMHC access sites remain fully operational. This means that regardless of what phase your county is in, you may refer a child to the program at any time using the methods described above. Child Advocates is expected to be fully operational in all Indiana counties by the end of the calendar year 2022.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please email them to:

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