



DUALLY INVOLVED YOUTH PROGRAM

Improving outcomes through coordinated care

CCN's Dually Involved Youth Program improves outcomes for youth who are involved with both the child welfare and criminal/legal systems by identifying and addressing unmet needs, building a support team, and collectively coordinating their care.

HOW IT WORKS

The Dually Involved Youth Program is based on a "Wraparound Process," an effective way to coordinate support for youth involved with two systems of care such as child welfare and criminal/legal.

Wraparound is a goal-driven process that utilizes a youth-centered "Wrap Plan" for addressing the youth's needs, and a support team who coordinates their care, known as the "Family Team." Youth and their family's involvement in the program can last up to two years. During this period of time, Family Team meetings occur at least one time per month.

The Family Team develops the Wrap Plan and identifies Family Team members, who typically include the youth, parent/guardian, child welfare caseworker/supervisor, service providers, schools, extended family and friends, and others chosen by the family as helpful supports. The Family Team Facilitator facilitates this process.

The Family Team owns the Wrap Plan and contributes to its successful completion. Additionally, the Family Team provides ongoing support and encouragement for the youth and their family after completion of the program.

THE PROGRAM AIMS TO:

- Safely support youth within their communities
- Prevent future criminal behavior
- Help youth transition to adulthood
- Develop a positive support team for the youth

The Dually Involved Youth Program is a collaboration between the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Conscience Community Network (CCN).

KEY COMPONENTS OF THE PROJECT

Dually Involved Youth – A Youth involved with both the child welfare and criminal/legal systems.

Family Team – The youth and their support team, including family, child welfare caseworker/supervisor, service providers, and other supports.

Wrap Plan – A comprehensive plan for helping youth prepare for stability and success, including their transition out of the child welfare and criminal legal systems.

Wraparound Process – The combined resources of the Wrap Plan and Family Team, which together provide a coordinated effort to support the youth.

Family Team Facilitator – The key point person coordinating the Wrap Plan and Family Team.

Flexible Funding – CCN provides funds to address additional needs identified by the Family Team. These needs can include additional therapy, substance use treatment, pro-social activities, and others. Funds are prioritized for positive youth activities, education and job training support, and activities that encourage home stability.

CCN – Conscience Community Network, a group of Illinois nonprofit service providers that collaborate to staff and deliver this program with DCFS.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Eligibility requirements include:

- Youth aged 11-19
- In guardianship/custody of DCFS
- Involved in the criminal/legal system
- From and living in Cook, Lake, DuPage, Kane, and/or Will counties

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