

RTC WAIVER SERVICE: YOUTH PEER-TO-PEER SUPPORT

Brief Description:

Youth Peer-to-Peer Support is a service provided to a Waiver participant by a peer support partner who assists in describing the program model, including providing information on the roles of individuals involved in the plan of care and specific services that could be included in the Plan of Care (POC); supports the consumer to participate effectively in the Child and Family Team (CFT) meetings and in the POC development and implementation, including providing assistance for transitioning out of waiver services; works with the Care Coordinator, participant and family to develop the plan of care; and, assists in accessing services and removing barriers to care, including coordinating services and community resource linkage and accompanying families to meetings or other community resources.

How much does this service pay?

- \$50 per day for a minimum of 1 hour of service (1+ hour = 1 session)
- 1 session per day

Who is eligible to become a Youth Peer-to-Peer Support Provider? In addition to meeting the general requirements for Medical Assistance Program Providers and the specific requirements for waiver service providers (general liability insurance, criminal background checks, child abuse clearances, etc), to provide youth peer-to-peer support, the youth support partner must

- (1) Be at least 18 years old but not older than 26 years old;
- (2) Be employed by a family support organization (see "What is a Family Support Organization?");
- (3) Have experience with State or local services and systems as a consumer who has had emotional, behavioral or mental health challenges;
- (4) Be supervised by an individual who is at least 21 years old and has at least 3 years of experience providing peer-to-peer support or working with youth, or both; and
- (5) Receive training and certification as approved by the Mental Hygiene Administration (MHA) (see "Training Requirements for Caregiver Peer-to-Peer Support, Youth Peer-to-Peer Support, and Family & Youth Training Providers").

What forms will I need to complete in order to apply to become a Youth Peer-to-Peer Support Provider?

- Face Sheet
- General Conditions for Provider Participation
- Medical Assistance Program Application and Agreement
- Criminal Background Check Attestation Form
- Youth Peer-to-Peer Support Attestation Form

You will need to provide a copy of your current general liability insurance coverage and the required Family Support Organization documentation (see "What is a Family Support Organization?"). Criminal Background Check and Child Abuse & Neglect Clearance must be completed in accordance with the Background Check instructions, with the appropriate box marked on the Face Sheet.

All materials, including a list of common mistakes, frequently asked questions, regulations, and more, are available online at www.medschool.umaryland.edu/innovations/RTC_Providers.asp. Providers are expected to have a thorough understanding of COMAR 10.09.79, 10.21.10, and 10.09.36, the regulations governing the RTC Waiver and Medical Assistance Program Providers.

The RTC Waiver is Maryland's 1915(c) Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) Demonstration Waiver. Residential Treatment Center (RTC) is the Maryland term for a PRTF. For more information about the RTC Waiver, go to www.medschool.umaryland.edu/innovations and click on the link for RTC Waiver or contact Deborah Harburger, RTC Waiver Project Manager, at dharburg@psych.umaryland.edu.