



DUALLY INVOLVED YOUTH PROJECT

Improving outcomes through coordinated care

The Dually Involved Youth Project improves outcomes for youth who are involved with both the child welfare and juvenile justice systems by supporting the coordination of their care and providing important new services.

HOW IT WORKS

The Dually Involved Youth Project 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 juvenile justice.

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 is expected to last approximately 9–12 months. 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, service providers, schools, extended family and friends, and others chosen by the family as helpful supports. The Wraparound 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 PROJECT 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

“This project is an innovative demonstration of how we can, collaboratively, improve services for some of our state’s most vulnerable residents, and it continues our administration’s efforts to transform health and human services delivery in Illinois.”

– Governor Bruce Rauner

The Dually Involved Youth Project 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 juvenile justice systems.

Wrap Plan – A comprehensive plan for helping dually involved youth prepare for stability and success, including their transition out of the child welfare and juvenile justice systems, as appropriate.

Family Team – The youth and their support team, including family, service providers, and other resources.

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Therapy – The Wrap Facilitator and the Family Team may identify and coordinate additional services, which include individual, family, and group therapies.

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.

Placement – CCN and the Family Team identify and coordinate out-of-home care for youth. Whenever possible, CCN promotes community-based, home-like settings for youth.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Primary eligibility requirements include:

- Youth aged 11–17
- In guardianship/custody of DCFS
- Involved in the juvenile justice system
- From Cook, Lake, Franklin or Jefferson County
(additional counties start in Summer 2017)

Additional eligibility criteria also apply.

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*CCN is a network of six Illinois nonprofit service providers.
Additional organizations are collaborating within the project to provide services.*

