



How will this help? Do you have a child who has problems with feelings and behaviors that are causing troubles with school, work, or home life? The State of Indiana has a new grant program for children and youth with serious emotional problems that will allow your family to receive extra help in your home and have more to say about the type of help you get. It does not matter what type of family you have: adoptive, foster, single parent, two-parent, or guardianship.

Who is eligible? Your family can participate if you meet the following criteria:

1. The child or youth must be at least age 6 and under age 21
2. The child or youth must receive Medicaid
3. The child must have a high level of need for intensive services

What services are offered? All individuals participating in grant demonstration services at Connections, Inc. will have the opportunity to receive a full psychological evaluation upon enrollment and will work closely with our staff to develop a comprehensive support plan for your child and family. Connections, Inc. is approved by the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction to provide the following grant services and can offer them to your eligible child and family immediately after our initial meeting.



Clinical Consultation
Habilitation

Crisis Intervention
Flex Funds

Parent Education
Transportation

Respite
Service Coordination

Wrap around Facilitation and Technician

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What does this program offer?

Our Community Alternatives program offers youth, ages 6-20, who are most at risk of psychiatric hospitalization, secure detention, or residential treatment center placement an option to live safely in their communities and to participate in normal youth activities. By providing eligible youth and their families intensive support at home and in their schools and community, Connections, Inc. can assist those served to live more meaningful, productive, and enriched lives.

We begin by working closely with your family to develop a plan for the future. We will also help you create a child and family team. This team will include teachers, counselors, pastors, neighbors, friends, family and other people involved with your family and who care about your child's success.

Your team facilitator will help you give direction to everyone involved regarding the type of help that your family needs. Your family may need a little help, or your family may need some help every day. Together, we will assure you get the support for the problems your child and family are having, and we will talk about ways for your child to show his/her strengths and skills. You and your team will also figure out a plan to make sure you have steps to take when there is an emergency.

Lastly, youth ages 18-20 may benefit from participation as they deal with unique issues of transition from teens to young adults. Assisting youth to self-advocate and make positive life choices will be a critical element of this service.

How to apply?

Families or caregivers may apply for participation in the Community Alternatives grant program at their local community mental health center. If you prefer, a Connections, Inc. staff person can also assist you with your application and to understand the program further.

Why choose Connections Inc.?

It is important for you to know that Connections, Inc. is one provider choice among many other competent qualified agencies offering similar services to your family. We believe our greatest strength is our 10 year commitment to providing intensive behavioral health services to children and families exclusively in community settings. Thru these experiences, we have been able to develop our new Demonstration Team and are able to assure the very best practices for participating youth and families are implemented.

Accreditation & Licensure

Connections Inc. is currently a licensed, accredited and/or certified provider of services to the following organizations and can receive funding from them for necessary services:

- ◆ Indiana School Corporations across the State
- ◆ Indiana Department of Child Services
- ◆ Indiana Department of Education
- ◆ Indiana Family and Social Services
 - ◆ Division of Aging & Rehabilitative Services
BDDS State Line provider
 - ◆ Division of Mental Health & Addiction
CA-PRTF provider
 - ◆ Office of Medicaid Policy & Planning
Medicaid psychotherapy & evaluation provider
Medicaid waiver provider
- ◆ Private contracts with area systems of care
- ◆ Private health insurance providers
- ◆ US Federal Government Social Security Administration



ABOUT US

Since 1998, Connections Inc. has strived to be an exceptionally skilled provider of behavioral health care and mentoring services throughout the State of Indiana. Our experienced team helps persons with developmental disabilities and emotional health needs to identify and pursue their dreams.

At Connections, we focus on the needs and strengths of the children, adults, and families we serve. Our goal is to help others achieve personally meaningful, safe, healthy lives.



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