




Kentucky 1915(c) CHILD Waiver Participant Journey

A Step-by-Step Guide for New Participants

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 [CHILD Waiver Website](#)



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Learn About the CHILD Waiver

- Learn about services offered through the 1915(c) CHILD Waiver through a peer, provider, or other outreach.
- Get connected through the [1915\(c\) CHILD Waiver website](#), 1915cWaiverHelpDesk@ky.gov, or (844) 784-5614.

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Apply for CHILD Waiver Benefits

- Obtain financial eligibility for Medicaid. Apply online using [kynect](#), call the [Department for Community Based Services \(DCBS\)](#) at (855) 306-8959, or apply in-person at a [DCBS office](#).
- Apply for the CHILD Waiver by completing an online application through [kynect](#), visiting an [Aging and Disability Resource Center](#), or visiting a [Community Mental Health Center](#).

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Complete the Screening Process

- Once you apply for the CHILD Waiver, a screening is completed to determine if target criteria are met.
 - Children and youth may be eligible for CHILD Waiver services if they:
 - Are under the age of 21.
 - Have exhausted other Medicaid and non-Medicaid services and supports that could help them succeed in the community setting.
 - Meet hospital - inpatient psychiatric facility or intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disability (ICF/IID) level of care (LOC).
 - Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) staff verify that the child or youth is in one of the following situations due to the intensity of their behavioral health or disability:
 - Is currently unhoused or at risk of being unhoused.
 - Has a history (within the last year) of at least two different foster care placements.
 - Has had experience with law enforcement within the last year (at least five contacts).
 - Is discharging from an inpatient psychiatric hospital for individuals under 21, an ICF/IID, or other similar institution.
 - Requires supports offered through the CHILD Waiver.
- You are provided with more information about your preliminary eligibility within seven days of your application.

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Eligibility Assessment

- Once you receive preliminary eligibility approval, DMS contacts you to schedule a day and time to complete the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment (LOC assessment tool).
- Your assessor will meet with you in person and in the residence, if possible.
- Assessment discussion(s) include topics such as:
 - Living situation, family, school, social life, etc.
 - Physical, emotional, medical, and behavioral strengths and/or limitations.
 - Caregiver needs/strengths and accessibility.
- Be prepared to provide additional medical, educational, and legal documentation as needed.

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Program Eligibility Determination and Enrollment in CHILD Waiver

- DMS determines LOC eligibility based on submitted documentation, including the needs assessment, and notifies you of the decision.
- Enrollment in the CHILD Waiver (like all of Kentucky's other 1915(c) waivers) requires managed care organization (MCO) disenrollment and transition of services to traditional Medicaid (fee-for-service), if applicable.
- DMS will walk you through the process to ensure a seamless transition of services and supports.
- You make the decision to accept CHILD Waiver enrollment and transition from MCO or decline CHILD Waiver enrollment to remain MCO-enrolled, if applicable.

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Case Management Onboarding

- Program staff will provide you with a list of case managers to choose from.
- Your case manager meets with you to discuss CANS assessment results, preferences and goals, service needs and expectations, and individuals you would like to participate in your person-centered service planning team.
- Your case manager helps you choose the providers and services that are right for you and your family, based on your assessed needs.
- Your case manager sends referrals to your selected service providers.
- Your case manager coordinates a meeting to create your Person-Centered Service Plan.

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Person-Centered Service Planning

- Your case manager meets with you, your family, your service providers, and additional support team members to develop your detailed Person-Centered Service Plan.

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Services Launch!

- Services begin! Providers from the chosen provider agency contact you to begin services.

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Continued Support

- Receive ongoing support from your case manager and meet regularly with other service providers.
- Contact your case manager and make changes to your plan if your needs change.