



CABINET FOR HEALTH
AND FAMILY SERVICES

Community Engagement/1915c CHILD Waiver

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Community Engagement Public Notice and Comment Process

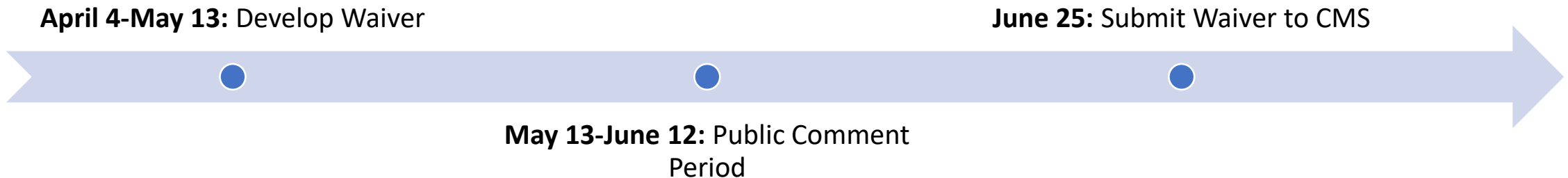
- In compliance with federal regulations, CHFS conducted a 30-day public comment period from May 13, 2025, through June 12, 2025, including:
 - A virtual public forum on May 22, 2025.
 - An in-person public forum on May 23, 2025.
 - Acceptance of comments or inquiries via email or postal mail through June 12, 2025.

Summary of Public Comments Received

Event	Attendees	Unique Public Comments
Virtual Public Forum	187	19
In-Person Public Forum	2	0
Emails Received	N/A	6
Total	189	25

Community Engagement Waiver Timeline: Next Steps

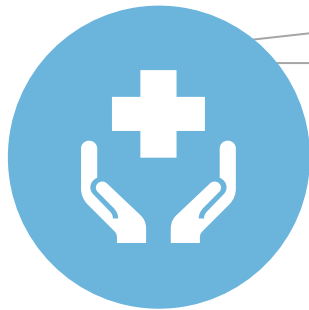
- Compile, summarize, and respond to public comment.
- Incorporate summary of public comment and finalize changes to 1115 Demonstration proposal.
- Submit Demonstration proposal to CMS on June 25, 2025.



DMS 1915c CHILD's Waiver

Families First

A comprehensive, multi-year initiative aimed at enhancing the existing system of care for all Kentucky children and youth.



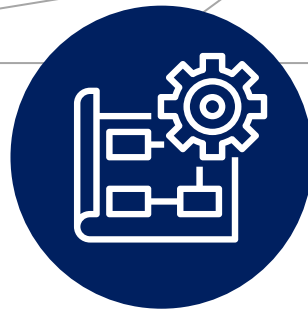
SHINE KY

Enhancing access to and delivery of school-based services for Medicaid and CHIP-eligible and enrolled students.



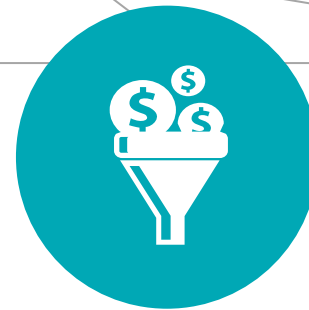
KY CARES

Services to support community reentry and improve care transitions for justice-involved youth.



CHI Mapping Tool

Tracking and reporting of children's health initiatives.



Funding Modernization

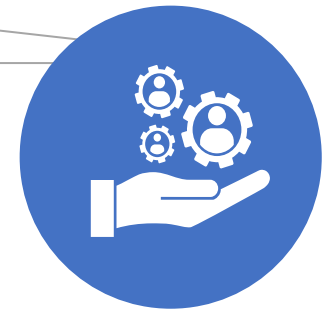
Restructuring of Medicaid payment for medically necessary treatment services.



High Needs

Service Delivery

The 1915c CHILD Waiver is designed to meet the child-centric care, support services, housing, custody and placement, and other health-related social needs.



Children's State Plan Amendment

Plan for a SPA to locate appropriate resources and housing for children and youth in need of placement and services.

Families First seeks to create a unified, integrated, and child-centered care framework that addresses the diverse needs of Kentucky's young population. By enhancing coordination across health, education, social services, and other key sectors, Families First aims to ensure that every child and youth receives the necessary support to achieve their full potential.

What is the 1915(c) CHILD Waiver?

Community Health for Improved Lives and Development (CHILD)

Available January 2026

The CHILD Waiver is a new Kentucky Medicaid program designed to help Kentucky children and youth with significant behavioral health or developmental challenges get the services they need, while staying at home, in school, and in their communities.

Current Status with the 1915(c) CHILD Waiver

DMS Waiver Application

- Waiver application developed and currently available for review and public comment at: <https://bit.ly/KYMedicaidLTSSInfo>
 - Access for feedback is available through July 15, 2025 at 11:59 pm ET
- DMS targets August 2025 for submission to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) for approval

What Services Are Covered?

The 1915(c) CHILD Waiver Services

- Case Management
- Respite
- Community Living Supports
- Environmental and Minor Home Modifications
- Clinical Therapeutic Services
- Supervised Residential Care

All services will be person-centered and delivered by trained, waiver-certified providers.