



CABINET FOR HEALTH
AND FAMILY SERVICES

Introduction to 1915(c) CHILD Waiver

1915(c) Waiver History

- The Community Health for Improved Lives and Development (CHILD) waiver is a new 1915(c) waiver option in KY.
- 1915(c) waivers are a Federal/State Partnership – with each paying part of the cost.
- 1915(c) refers to the section of the Social Security Act, which authorizes states to request the option to provide home and community-based alternatives to institutional care.

CHILD Waiver Overview

The primary goal of the CHILD waiver is to keep children, youth, and young adults with multi-system needs and complexities safe, healthy, and, to the extent feasible, independent, within their communities and families.

Additionally, the CHILD waiver aims to serve children, youth, and young adults and is dedicated to a holistic approach to addressing high-intensity needs with a support system as determined by the enrolled participant.

CHILD Waiver Participant Eligibility Requirements

- Be zero (0) to twenty-one (21) years of age with an intellectual or developmental disability, or both, or a severe emotional disability, and have been unresponsive to other services and supports enabling them to remain in a community setting and meet one or more of the following criteria:
 - a. Be currently unhoused or is at risk of being unhoused as a direct result of the intensity of their disability and care needs.
 - b. Have a history (within the last year) of at least two different out-of-home care placements as a direct result of the intensity of their disability and care needs.

CHILD Waiver Participant Eligibility Requirements Cont.

- c. Within the last year, as a direct result of the intensity of the individual's disability and care needs, the individual has had any incident that involved at least five (5) contacts with:
 - (i) A police department;
 - (ii) A sheriff's office;
 - (iii) Emergency services; or
 - (iv) A fire department.
- d. Be identified for discharge or recommended for discharge from an inpatient psychiatric hospital, ICF/IID, or other similar institution, as defined in 907 KAR 1:022, Section 4 (5)(a) - ((d), within the next forty-five (45) days; and
- e. Require support offered through the CHILD waiver.

CHILD Waiver Services

Case
Management

Respite

Community
Living Supports

Environmental
and Minor Home
Modifications

Clinical
Therapeutic
Services

Supervised
Residential Care

Provider Resources

- 1915c Waiver Helpdesk: 1915cwaiverhelpdesk@ky.gov or 844-784-5614
- Cabinet for Health and Family Services Website: <https://www.chfs.ky.gov>
- CHILD Waiver Website: chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/dca/Pages/child.aspx
- CHILD Waiver Reimbursement: [Fee Schedules - Cabinet for Health and Family Services](#)

Regulations:

- The 1915(c) CHILD regulations are currently under review and awaiting approval
 - 907 KAR 2:720: CHILD Waiver Program Requirements
 - 907 KAR 2:725 CHILD Waiver Reimbursement