

## Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child and Family Services

### **Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services & Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services**

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#### Overview / Program Description

Children's Mental Health is comprised of Early Childhood Mental Health Services (ECMH), Children's Clinical Services (CCS), Wraparound in Nevada (WIN), Mobile Crisis Response Team (MCRT), Desert Willow Treatment Center, and three psychiatric residential treatment facilities.

#### Eligibility Criteria / Population Served

*Early Childhood Mental Health Services (ECMH)* provides services to children between birth and six years of age with emotional disturbance or high-risk factors for emotional and behavioral disturbance and associated developmental delays. Services include:

- Behavioral and psychological assessments
- Individual, family, and group therapies and behavioral management
- Psychiatric services
- Day treatment
- In-home crisis intervention
- Child care and pre-school consultation, outreach, and training
- Clinical case management

*Children's Clinical Services (CCS)* provides community-based outpatient, individual and family oriented mental health services for children from 6 through 17 years of age. These services include:

- Individual, family, and group therapies and behavioral management
- Psychological assessment and evaluation
- Psychiatric services
- Clinical case management
- Consultation with other entities involved with the child and family
- 24-hour on-call emergency professional coverage

*Wraparound in Nevada (WIN)* provides intensive community-based services to Severely Emotionally Disturbed Children (SED) in Clark and Washoe counties. In addition to addressing mental health needs, services support the achievement of permanency for these youth through reunification with their families, guardianship with relatives, adoption or successful emancipation.

#### Impact to Service Delivery

A total of 11 positions will be held vacant in ECMH, CCS, and WIN. Children currently being served by these programs will not be impacted. As new children are identified as needing services, the division will engage with community partners who can best meet the needs, seek Medicaid reimbursement to the extent it is allowable, and operate as the safety net for children and families who are unable to obtain services and supports through other means.

### Mitigation Strategies

The long-term trajectory for the Division in relation to mental health is to embrace its role as the Children’s Mental Health Authority, ensuring quality and training for community providers to serve Nevadans. The reductions required in the current crisis have accelerated that transition.

The reductions in Early Childhood Mental Health Services and Children’s Clinical Services will require the Children’s Mental Health Community Services team to evaluate which services or populations to prioritize. With the expansion of Medicaid through the Affordable Care Act (ACA), there has been a large reduction in the number of uninsured children. In addition to this, there has been an increase in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) in the community that have potential capacity to serve the populations typically served by the Division.

Wraparound in Nevada (WIN) will eliminate its service in the Rural Regions. These tasks will be absorbed by the remaining WIN staff, development of community-based supports, and utilization of clinical staff embedded within the Division’s remaining services.

The new System of Care (SOC) expansion grant received by the Division is required to focus on the Rural regions of Nevada. The strategic plan is in the process of being developed but will focus on developing local community capacity and expertise.

### Program Area Preserved

Within these two budget accounts there were no reductions in children’s mental health residential services at any of the Division’s three psychiatric residential treatment facilities or the Desert Willow Treatment Center hospital. In addition, there are no reductions to the Children’s Mobile Crisis Response Team or the Program Evaluation Unit which oversees quality improvement and supports the development of services in the community.

### FY21 original allocation

Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services	\$3,630,583
Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services	\$13,637,841

### Special Session Reduction

Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services	\$3,149,426
Southern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services	\$13,483,291

### Total Reduction

Northern Nevada Child and Adolescent Services	\$481,157
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