



# Therapeutic Support and Support Mentoring

*Connecting children in their communities, sustaining them in their homes and encouraging positive growth.*

“Therapeutic Support Staff (TSS) is a service designed to address the individualized needs of a child or youth with complex behavioral health needs. These children and youth have a current diagnosable behavioral health condition that results in moderate to acute functional impairment which substantially interferes with, the child’s role or functioning in family, school or community activities. This service is intended for children or youth whose level of functioning puts them at risk of entering a residential level of care, disrupting from their home or foster placement, or for children or youth who are being discharged from residential treatment or a more acute level of care.

## **Eligibility:**

Eligible for TSS are children on or after their 5th birthday currently active with the Department, children and youth who have been identified with a Level III Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) and who are actively receiving Care Coordination services, and children and youth who have been identified as at risk for detention. The child or youth may also be residing in a Department-supervised independent living or transitional living arrangement.” (Advanced Behavioral Health, Provider Agreement)

Referrals may also be made for children who do not meet these criteria but another compelling clinical reason is present, with RGG approval.

## **Services Include:**

- Connection to community resources (YMCA, Karate, Art Classes, Theatre, etc.)
- Implementation of case plan goals
- Collaboration with other service providers

## **How to refer/contact information:**

TEEG’s TSS/SS Program is a fee for service program. We accept referrals from all DCF offices. Please contact Colin at colinw@teegonline.org or 860-923-3458 for more information about referring a child on your caseload.



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