



HealthChoices Management Unit and The York County System of Care: Joint Planning Team – Truancy Process *As an Expansion of the Joint Planning Team Behavioral Health Planning Process*

What is the Joint Planning Team Behavioral Health/Traditional Process?

The Joint Planning Team (JPT) is a process of modeling the high fidelity wraparound philosophy of working with families to build and enhance natural supports for families in the community and reducing barriers in order to avoid children being placed out of the home environment. The process involves working with families, natural supports and providers to assure that everyone is working together on one plan. The JPT includes a coach, two facilitators, a family support partner and a youth support partner. The use of the family support and the youth support is a vital element of the team who supports and empowers the family to ensure their voice/choice is being heard in team meetings.

What is the Joint Planning Team Truancy Process?

The York/Adams HealthChoices Management Unit, Service Access Management/Joint Planning Team, Community Care Behavioral Health, and the York County Office of Children Youth and Families, have recently met to explore if High Fidelity Wraparound/Joint Planning Team can be utilized to address youth with truant behaviors, who also have some degree of behavioral health needs.

The JPT Truancy Planning Process is part of the original JPT process. As a pilot process, there will be between three (3) and eight (8) slots for youth identified for the JPT Truancy Planning Process.

JPT is a planning process for youth and families and addresses the following:

- Discover and build on the youth and family strengths;
- Create planning with the youth, family, natural supports, and community to address truancy;
- Parenting Concerns;
- Utilize the Youth Support and Family Support Partners to reinforce the youth and families plan.

Distinguishing Features of JPT

- This is not a service, but a planning process
- The Joint Planning Team has lived experience similar to youth and family
- Utilizing and building the families natural and community supports
- Performance based (not time limited)
- Family voice and choice are paramount
- Assessment driven
- Planning is in Phases

Referral Resource Considerations for the JPT – Truancy Planning Process:

- Youth with 10 truant days over two (2) months.
- Youth between the ages of nine (9) and seventeen (17).
- Referrals can be made during the school year, or over the summer to address the upcoming year.
- Referrals from the Office of Children, Youth and Families, of York County.
- As a planning process for truant youth prior to dependency.
- Referred by the Court as a planning process to avoid placement out of the home.

How Long is the Planning Process:

- This is a pilot program and the actual length of stay has yet to be determined
- It is estimated that the process will last three (3) to six (6) months

What to Expect from Planning Process:

- Monthly planning meetings, with the family, system partners, school, and natural and community supports invited to attend and participate in the planning process.
- Planning developed by the youth and family, to address their perceived needs, as well as addressing the planning needs and concerns of the system partners.
- The family voice and choice to be the focus of the planning process.

Expected Planning Process Outcomes:

- Families ability to identify additional supports.
- The team to engage the family and natural and community support to assist the youth and family.
- Increased attendance in school, as a result of the planning process.
- Identification of the barriers for the youth so that they will attend school.
- More positive working relationships between the youth, family and the school system.
- Development of a plan of care.
- Development of a safety plan.
- Identification of additional behavioral health supports, as needed.
- More positive parental attitudes toward child
- Improved parent child relationships

Providers:

Service Access Management/Joint Planning Team

Submit Referrals to:

York County Human Services

100 West Market Street, Suite 401 York, Pennsylvania 17401
(717) 771-9347 Fax: (717) 771-4663

Referrals can be made by the Office Children, Youth and Families, of York County



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