

Youth in Conservatorship FAQs

Q: What steps should be taken to enroll a foster youth?

A: If someone wants to enroll a foster youth, the same steps will be followed as someone who is not in foster care. This includes:

1. An LAR calls the inquiry line
2. The LMHA returns the call within 24 hours/one business day
3. The youth is placed on the inquiry list
4. The youth will be scheduled for a Clinical Eligibility assessment within seven business days of the call
5. The youth will be assessed and if approved, enrolled in YES Waiver

Q: What should be discussed over the phone during that initial contact?

A: For foster care youth, it is important to identify who is making the call versus who should be at the Clinical Eligibility Assessment. In addition, it is important to gather the case workers name and contact information so that the LMHA may obtain the YES Waiver Enrollment Sheet from DFPS.

Q: Who is considered the LAR?

A: In the case of a foster care youth, anyone who is a Managing Conservator and/or medical consenter can be considered the LAR.

Q: How do we know who is a medical consenter? What proof can be provided?

A: A medical consenter will have a completed 2085-B form which designates them as a medical consenter. A list of medical consenters can also be found in the child's Health Passport at [.fostercaretx.com](http://fostercaretx.com) under the Contacts tab. As a Star Health provider, LMHA staff should have access to the Health Passport.

Q: What is the YES Waiver Enrollment Sheet?

A: This is a form that was created by DFPS to assist in identifying important information regarding the youth. Information will include important contact, important familial information, and limited details on the permanency plan for the youth.

Q: When should the Enrollment Sheet be completed?

A: The form should be completed after the child has completed the intake and been approved for YES Waiver.

Q: Who is considered family? Who can participate?

A: Family is defined by the participant, and anyone may participate unless there are legal restrictions. The child or youth may choose anyone to join the wraparound team that they feel are important to the process and are important to their success. Biological family and natural supports are highly encouraged to participate for multiple reasons: with regards to the biological family, reunification may be a goal, but even if it is not a goal, often these children have some level of contact or relationship with their families at some point, so the wraparound process is a great place to help navigate and strengthen those relationships. The biological family is also a part of the family story and often play a role in the "initial conditions" that led to the referral, so it may be beneficial that they are also a part of the participant's journey towards success. And as for natural supports,

they are equally as important to help build a support network that the participant can continue relationships with past the YES waiver services.

Q: Will the biological parents be allowed to participate?

A: If there are no legal restrictions, participation of biological parents is encouraged.

Q: Who needs to be at the Eligibility Assessment?

A: A Medical Consenter (someone who has the legal authorization to sign for treatment) must be present. The case worker is also strongly encouraged to participate.

Q: Can YES services be court ordered?

A: A court order cannot override Clinical Eligibility.

Q: What should we expect of the DFPS case worker?

A: The DFPS caseworker should participate in the initial and ongoing Child and Family Team meetings.

Q: What do we do if the case worker works out of the region and cannot attend the meetings?

A: Consider an invitation to have the caseworker participate by phone.

Q: What do we do if the youth gets placed in an RTC?

A: TRR services can be provided, but YES services will be placed on hold until the youth discharges.

Q: When I select "Foster Care" on the Child and Adolescent Uniform Assessment, it will not allow me to deviate to YES Waiver. What should I do?

A: You will not check the box labeled "Foster Care." You can instead select "Foster Care" under Primary Residence and then note in the text box that that youth is in foster care, but this is not required.

Q: When completing financials to open a participant to our agency, who's information are we placing in our system?

A: The child's financial information is placed in the system.

Q: What if a youth already has a provider for Targeted Case Management?

A: The child's behavioral health services will need to be transferred to the LMHA providing the YES Waiver, unless the current TCM provider is also an approved Non-CMHC Comprehensive Service provider and TCM.