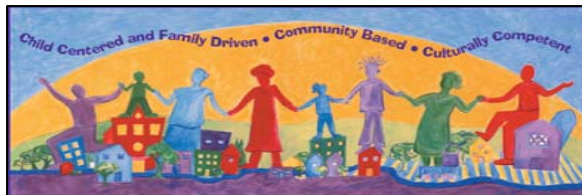




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What if I have more questions?

Contact the Core Service Agency
in your service area:

Baltimore City:

Baltimore Mental Health Systems
410-837-2647

Montgomery County:

Montgomery County Department of Health
and Human Services
240-777-1400

St. Mary’s County:

St. Mary’s County
Department of Human Services:
301-475-4200

Wicomico County:

Wicomico County Core Service Agency
410-543-6981

To learn more about becoming a waiver service provider, contact one of the Core Service Agencies listed above or contact Innovations Institute at 410-706-0961 or dharburg@psych.umaryland.edu.

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RTC Waiver

What is the RTC Waiver?

The RTC Waiver is a program that uses a team-based approach called Wrap-around to provide mental health and medical services to youth with serious mental health needs. The team – including the youth, family members, care coordinators, and service providers - develops a plan of care that allows the youth to receive services and supports in the community rather than in a residential treatment center. The plan of care and services are individualized to the strengths and needs of each family.

The youth can receive services for up to two years. Because of the specialized services, the RTC waiver has a limited number of openings, or slots, each year.



What are the benefits to participating in the RTC Waiver?

Using a team approach, youth can receive medical services through HealthChoice and mental health services through the Maryland's Public Mental Health System. Additionally, youth and their families can receive waiver-specific support and services such as:

- Caregiver and Youth Peer-to-Peer Support;
- Family and Youth Training;
- Crisis and Stabilization Services;
- Expressive and Experiential Behavioral Services; and
- In and Out-of-Home Respite Care.

How does someone apply for the RTC Waiver?

Everyone applying for the program must complete an application through a local Core Service Agency (CSA). CSAs will be available to help fill out application packets and assist in the application approval process. They will also help determine if there are slots available.

How does someone qualify for the RTC Waiver?

In order to qualify for the program, the youth must meet certain financial eligibility rules, be 6 to 20 years old, meet certain medical criteria, and have the ability to be safely served in the community.



What if I apply and there are no slots, is there a waiting list?

If there are no available slots, your name will be added to a waiting list. The list is first-come first served. As slots open up, more families will be able to apply.