

Frequently Asked Questions About Core Benefits

Q: What exactly are Core Benefits?

A: Core Benefits are those services and access points that we can guarantee to all residents of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties.

Q: Why did the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board develop a Core Benefits package?

A: We know that our resources are limited. There are currently no new dollars coming into our system. We wanted to outline the core services which meet the following criteria:

- Services that are required by law or administrative policy.
- Services that will reduce inpatient hospitalization.
- Services that support our priority populations.

Q: Doesn't the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board offer more than the "core" services?

A: Yes. We have limited resources to increase the Core Benefits package beyond the most basic services but those resources have been cut dramatically. In addition, the Board has worked to create partnerships with other systems to ensure efficiency of care, decrease duplication, and maximize the resources of all.

Our Priority Populations

- Youth with severe and persistent mental illness.
- Adults and seniors with severe and persistent mental illness and children with severe emotional disturbance.
- Persons dually diagnosed with mental illness and chemical dependency.
- Juveniles and adults in the criminal justice system who have mental illness and/or chemical dependency.
- Families in danger of losing their children because of mental illness and/or chemical dependency.
- Persons with mental retardation/developmental disabilities who have coexisting mental illness and/or chemical dependency.

Our Values

Hope

Every person has a chance for recovery.

Help

Give each person immediate attention.

Care

We give of ourselves.



Mental Health and Alcohol/Drug Core Benefits Package FY 2010

Our Mission

*To reach out and provide vital
prevention and treatment
services to every resident.*

Key Concepts:

- provide vital prevention and treatment services to every resident;
- focus on prevention of mental health and substance abuse concerns;
- intervene at an earlier stage of a person's illness;
- provide an expanded safety net for those with severe and persistent mental illness and/or addiction;
- maximize the use of public resources;
- benefits are determined annually by the board in cooperation with consumers, family members, providers, and key stakeholders



Core Benefits

Those benefits guaranteed all residents if needed, regardless of their ability to pay.

- Prevention/Education
- Screening
- Diagnostic Assessment
- Hotline
- Crisis Intervention
- Crisis Stabilization
- State Hospital
- Limited Children's Inpatient
- Central Pharmacy

Traditional Benefits

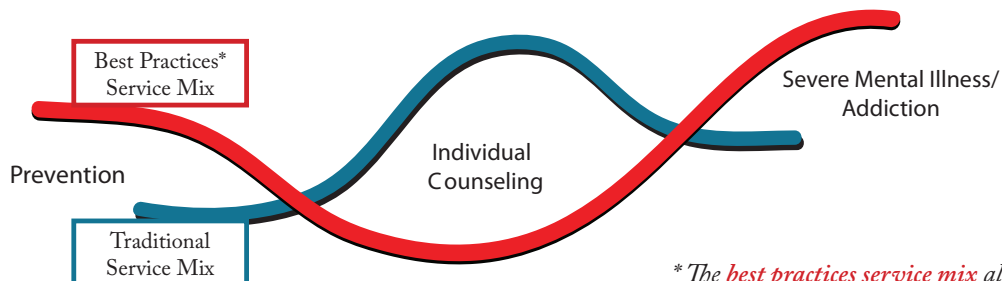
Those additional services offered with current resources.

- All Core Services
PLUS
- Group Counseling
- Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment (CPST)
- Pharmacological Management

Value Additions

Those additional services offered through special resources and partnerships.

- All Core Services
- All Traditional Services
PLUS
- Individual Counseling
- Housing
- Jail-Based Services
- Peer Support Services
- Criminal Justice Services
- Early Childhood Mental Health
- Vocational Support
- Mental Retardation/ Mental Illness Dual Diagnosis
- Traumatic Brain Injury Supportive Services
- Aging-Specific Services
- NAMI Hope Alliance
- Faith Community Partnerships



**The best practices service mix allows for effective prevention, earlier intervention, fewer moderate acuity services, and an expanded safety net for persons with severe mental illness and/or addiction.*