

Bridges to Health Medicaid Waiver for Youth in Foster Care

The Bridges 2 Health (B2H) Home and Community-Based Waiver Program provides opportunities for improving the health and well-being of children in foster care. The purpose of B2H is to avoid, delay or prevent medical institutional care and provide enhanced services to children with disabilities. B2H services are provided to the child, family, and caregivers in the foster home or community setting.

What Services are Available?

B2H Services are tailored to meet a child's specific, presenting health care needs: they complement, services provided through other programs.

B2H offers the following 14 services:

1. Health Care Integration/Service Coordination
2. Family/Caregiver Supports and Services
3. Skill Building
4. Day Habilitation
5. Special Needs Community Advocacy and Support
6. Prevocational Services
7. Supported Employment
8. Planned Respite
9. Crisis Avoidance, Management and Training
10. Immediate Crisis Response Services
11. Intensive In-home Supports
12. Crisis Respite
13. Adaptive and Assistive Equipment
14. Accessibility Modifications

Who Is Eligible?

To be eligible to participate, a child must: Be in the custody of the Commissioner of the Administration for Children's Services (ACS) or the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS); Be Medicaid eligible; Have a qualifying diagnosis; Be able to benefit from the service.

How Do I Apply?

Please contact the New York Administration for Children's Services (ACS) at 212-676-6406 or via email at b2hacs@acs.nyc.gov to discuss the enrollment process and eligibility criteria. Additional information can be obtained by visiting www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/b2h