



WRAPAROUND SERVICES

Children and families with education, mental health and family support needs are searching for a better quality of life. Wesley Spectrum Services helps them to become independent, responsible and caring members of the community by providing an array of high quality special education, mental health and family services. These services give children and families the strength to learn, to live and to love, resulting in stronger families and stronger communities.

Philosophy and Purpose

A child diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) can have tremendous potential to learn but may also have difficulty communicating and socializing with other people. The Wesley Spectrum Family & Child Development Center Wraparound Services offers individualized, needs-driven therapy at home that includes the entire family. We provide early intervention, Applied Behavior Analysis, and relational therapy to support normalized and inclusive options for youth with complex needs, helping each child reach his or her highest level of independence.

Eligibility

Wraparound Services are available to children with ASD ages 16 months to 21 years. Children need an evaluation, diagnosis and recommendation for services from a psychologist. We serve families in Butler, Washington, Westmoreland and Allegheny counties but all children are welcome. Parents must have a Medical Assistance access card.

Availability

When we are operating at capacity, a space may not be immediately available. Families can choose to wait or we will refer them to other programs. All eligible children and families are treated equitably without favoritism. Wraparound services can continue as long as the psychologist agrees that they are medically necessary and the team agrees with this recommendation.

Referral

Children with a diagnosis of ASD are generally referred by a doctor, hospital unit, diagnosing psychologist or support group. Parents can contact us directly or work through their MH/MR Base Services Units. We can also help parents contact a psychologist for an evaluation. When a referral source contacts us as the chosen provider, we determine if we have staff to assign to the child's case, and if we do, we accept the child and schedule an interagency team meeting.

Intake

If you choose Wesley Spectrum as your provider, you will meet with a case manager and complete the intake process. Parents, doctors, teachers and other agency representatives attend an interagency team meeting to discuss the child's needs for wraparound service. Once intake is complete, staff will be assigned to the family and services will begin.

Funding

Wraparound Services are paid by Medical Assistance (MA). This is available to most children with disabilities regardless of their parent's income. Services are funded by the Department of Public Welfare, through the MA card, but are managed by an HMO, which is arranged by the county.

Accreditation and Licensure

We are licensed by the Department of Public Welfare, Office of Mental Health/Substance Abuse services and are credentialed providers for Community Care and Value Behavioral Health managed care companies. Wesley Spectrum Services is also in the process of obtaining accreditation from COA for this service.

Treatment Approach

Autism is a disorder best treated through early intervention and intense treatment. With proper treatment, children can experience massive gains and build hope for a productive and brighter future. Wraparound's certified staff provides early intervention, Applied Behavior Analysis, and relational therapy, one-on-one, in the child's home. We approach all assets and skills in a positive way. Each child can progress at his or her own rate, extending a sense of hope and accomplishment throughout the family.

Wesley Spectrum Family & Child Development Center achieves the best outcomes by basing our decisions – every step of the way – on what is best for this individual child. We call this Kid-Centered Decision Making and it encompasses Kid-Centered Planning, Kid-Centered Environment and Kid-Centered Measurement.



Strength to learn, to live, to love

Services

Wesley Spectrum Family & Child Development Center Wraparound Services meet the unique needs of each child and family, blending and reshaping categorical services to create individualized programs that include the entire family. At home, we create a therapeutic, Kid-Centered Environment, adding auditory sounds and visual effects, tactile experiences, as well as structured schedules and visual strategies.

In our Kid-Centered Planning, our staff completes a basic assessment of each child's living and language skills in order to create an individual treatment plan. We use the Assessment of Basic Learning and Language Skills program developed by Dr. Mark Sundberg and Dr. James Partington as a curriculum and assessment for enhancing verbal behavior. We always include relational therapy and behavioral interventions for sensory sensitivities.

Our Behavioral Specialist Consultant is a master's degree level team leader, setting the treatment plan and developing the programs. If needed, a Mobile Therapist (master's degree) counsels the child or family. A Therapeutic Staff Support person (bachelor's degree) does the one-on-one intense therapy with the child to implement the interventions.

Our therapy complements parents' efforts to help their children, and offers guidance and support to the whole family. Applied Behavior Analysis and relational therapy is coupled with an awareness of the implications of sensory sensitivities for lifespan treatment of ASD. We draw out the positive behaviors and enhance latent skills.

A child can remain with our program over many years, as we will adjust therapy to meet changing needs. While we teach the youngest children how to use language as a behavior, older children focus on social skills. As independent adults, each one will someday contribute to the community.

Wesley Spectrum Wraparound Services uses Kid-Centered Measurement to document students' behavior and learning, and assess their progress toward individual goals. We also measure how staff services improve through on-going training programs in the newest, research-based methodologies.

Outcomes

When a child meets individual goals, he or she is able to function in school and typical environments with little support. The family has learned how to assist their child in gaining additional skills. We help older high school students with ASD prepare for independent living. Wesley Spectrum Services tracks percent of goals attained at discharge as well as whether discharges are planned or unplanned across children served. Parent satisfaction with the program is measured annually. This outcome data is then aggregated across clients and used to help us improve the quality of our services.

Discharge

Discharge goals and criteria are set as part of the treatment planning process by the interagency treatment team.

Aftercare and Follow Up

In our discharge summary, we include any aftercare recommendations for future services. Children may continue developing socially through the Wonder Kids Club or other programs if their prescriptions are appropriate. The program does not provide any formal follow up services but encourages families to contact the Wesley Spectrum Family & Child Development Center if any future services are needed post discharge.

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