

Who is Right for the **Connect Nevada: Strengthening Youth, Empowering Families** Program?

Connect Nevada: Strengthening Youth, Empowering Families is Nevada's new program for children, youth, and young adults with complex mental health needs who are at risk of out-of-home treatment. Magellan Healthcare manages this program to advance mental health services and work with the State to build a strong system of care for these youth and their families.

Who is eligible?

Children, youth, and young adults ages 3 through 20 are eligible for the program if they meet one of the following:

- They have a mental health diagnosis or show behaviors that suggest a diagnosis may be present.
 - If the youth does not have a current diagnosis, Magellan will refer them for an assessment to find out if there could be a diagnosis.
- They meet clinical standards set by the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment that finds:
 - Behavioral/emotional diagnoses or signs, e.g., rash decisions, worry, depression, challenging behavior, or have a history of trauma.
 - Unsafe behaviors, e.g., self-harm, attacking others, fire setting, threats of harm to self or others.
 - Having a hard time working in different settings at home, school, or in the community.
- Their parent or caregiver needs help in one or more of the following areas: watching the youth, knowing the youth's needs, finding the right help and services, and taking care of their own mental health.
- They are in out-of-home treatment; or at risk of treatment in one of these settings:

○ Psychiatric hospital ○ Psychiatric residential treatment facility ○ Therapeutic (medical) group home ○ Non-medical group home ○ Addiction treatment facility ○ Detention	○ Foster care ○ Therapeutic foster care ○ Developmental disability facility ○ Alternative school ○ Secure care facility ○ Homeless, as defined by the McKinney Vento Act
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- They have involvement in more than one child-serving system.
- They have a family or trusted adult who is, or will be, in charge of their care and is willing to help with care coordination and other services allowed by the family.
- Enrolled or qualify for Medicaid or are under- or uninsured.

What to do next?

If you think a child or young adult might be eligible for the Connect Nevada program, please call 1-833-396-4310 (TTY 711).