



DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Olympia, Washington

TITLE: COMMUNITY PROTECTION PROGRAM SERVICES POLICY 15.02

Authority: Chapter 71A RCW Developmental Disabilities
Chapter 388-101 WAC Certified Community Residential Services and
Supports
Chapter 388-825 WAC DD Services Rules
Chapter 388-850 WAC County Employment and Day Programs

PURPOSE

This policy establishes guidelines for case resource managers (CRM) to follow when offering and authorizing services to eligible persons participating in the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Community Protection Program (CPP).

SCOPE

This policy applies to DDD Field Services staff.

DEFINITIONS

Certified Community Protection Residential Services means services as described in DDD Policy 15.04, *Standards for Community Protection Residential Services (CPRS)*. CPRS includes access to 24-hour supervision, instruction and support services, as identified in the person’s Individual Support Plan (ISP) and the Individual Instruction and Support Plan (IISP).

Community Protection Program (CPP) means services specifically designed to support persons with community protection issues as defined in DDD Policy 15.01, *Community Protection Program Identification and Eligibility* and in “CPP Participant” below.

CPP Participant means a person who meets one or more of the following criteria and is receiving specialized CPP services:

- (1) Has been convicted of or charged with a crime of sexual violence as defined in Chapters [9A.44](#) and [71.09](#) RCW, including, but not limited to, rape, rape of a child, and child

molestation; and constitutes a current risk to others as determined by a qualified professional (Note: excluding charges or crimes that resulted in acquittal).

- (2) Has been convicted of or charged with sexual acts directed toward: strangers; individuals with whom a relationship has been established or promoted for the primary purpose of victimization; or persons of casual acquaintance with whom no substantial personal relationship exists, and constitutes a current risk to others as determined by a qualified professional (note: excluding charges or crimes that resulted in acquittal).
- (3) Has not been convicted and/or charged of a crime, but has a history of stalking, sexually violent, predatory, and/or opportunistic behavior, which demonstrates a likelihood to commit a sexually violent and/or predatory act based on current behaviors; and constitutes a current risk to others as determined by a qualified professional.
- (4) Has committed one or more violent offenses, such as murder, attempted murder, arson, first degree assault, kidnapping, or use of a weapon to commit a crime ([RCW 9.94A.030\(45\)](#)).

Treatment Plan means an individualized plan written by a qualified professional/therapist for a client that includes the following, at a minimum:

- Specific time-limited goals and objectives based upon evaluation data;
- Specific therapeutic services proposed, include frequency and duration of services and methods to be used;
- Recommendations for supervision and any other restrictions and/or restrictive procedures;
- A description of how client progress will be assessed; and
- Treatment discharge criteria.

Treatment Team means the program participant and the group of people responsible for the development, implementation, and monitoring of the person's individualized supports and services. This group may include, but is not limited to, the case resource manager, therapist, residential provider, employment/day program provider, and the person's legal representative and/or family.

POLICY

- A. Services offered to persons in the Community Protection Program (CPP) should be consistent with their individual support and supervision needs, and be provided in a manner that minimizes the likelihood of offending behavior. Services must be provided in the most integrated setting appropriate to the person's needs and in the least restrictive manner possible.

- B. DDD staff will only authorize services to CPP participants that:
1. Are designed to provide the intensity of support and supervision necessary to maximize the safety of the CPP participants as well as the community; and
 2. Follow the treatment recommendations set forth by the certified and/or licensed professionals who evaluate and/or treat them.
- C. If there is disagreement among the team concerning the treatment professional's recommendations, the CRM will consult with the Field Services Administrator (FSA) for guidance. The FSA will respond in writing within fourteen (14) days with the resolution.
- D. Persons with community protection issues may be referred for services to prospective providers only with disclosure of community protection information. Confidentiality of identification of any victim(s) must be respected. CRMs must redact (i.e., block out) victim names and other identifiers on all referral documents. Victim(s) identity must be contained only in the person's permanent file.
- E. The following list specifies what services can and cannot be authorized for CPP participants, when resources are available. Some services may have additional eligibility requirements.
1. Professional Therapy
 - a. Therapy that addresses a person's community protection issues must be provided by a qualified therapist or treatment professional with current credentials and who is in good standing with the Washington State Department of Health, Health Professions Quality Assurance Division. The treatment provider must have experience in working with persons with developmental disabilities.
 - b. Only a certified Sex Offender Treatment Provider (SOTP) or an affiliate SOTP working under the supervision of a certified SOTP may provide sexual deviancy treatment.
 - c. If a person has been deemed no longer in need of treatment by a qualified treatment professional, the program requirement for the person to engage in treatment may be waived. The CRM must document this determination in the person's file. If the treatment team agrees that the person is not benefiting from treatment and treatment is terminated, the program may consult with the treatment professional regarding recommendations for program restrictions and ongoing support.

- d. The use of restrictive procedures during therapy or as part of treatment shall be governed by the requirements of DDD Policy 5.15, *Use of Restrictive Procedures*.

2. Family Support

- a. Services that do not entail supervision may be authorized (e.g., therapies, specialized equipment). Note: Family Support is not a CPP service.
- b. Respite services, including emergency respite, may only be authorized as follows, and only with the recommendation of the person's treatment professional:
 - (i) In the person's home, as long as the person's parent or legal representative remains on site to accept full responsibility for supervision or a relative respite care provider is available and willing to accept full responsibility for supervision. The CRM is responsible to do full disclosure to the respite provider. The plan for respite care shall be documented in the person's ISP.
 - (ii) In a licensed foster home in accordance with the foster care plan, provided that substitute care providers are knowledgeable and trained related to the child's community protection risks and supervision requirements.
 - (iii) Community activities used as respite care may not be authorized.

3. Medicaid Personal Care (MPC)

- a. MPC services are available to persons who meet the eligibility criteria.
- b. The CRM is responsible to do full disclosure to the MPC agency or individual provider. The plan for respite care shall be documented in the ISP.

4. Residential Services

- a. Children or youth under age eighteen (18) who meet the CPP criteria will be placed out-of-home only in licensed foster homes, staffed residential programs, or group care facilities that have received specialized training for the care and supervision of persons with community protection issues. Other residential services may be approved only through an Exception to Policy (ETP) signed by the Division Director.

- b. Adults age eighteen (18) and above will be referred to certified Community Protection Residential Services (CPRS) when resources are available.
 - c. Other DDD residential services, including supported living, alternative living, and group homes, will not be authorized. When a person receiving services in these settings is identified as a CPP participant, he/she may continue in that residence provided that:
 - (i) A professional assessment supports the residential setting;
 - (ii) The residential provider meets the criteria described in DDD Policy 15.04, *Standards for Community Protection Residential Services*; and
 - (iii) The Division Director approves an exception to policy (ETP).
 - d. Residential services under the jurisdiction of the Aging and Disability Services Administration (ADSA) Home and Community Services (HCS) Division and the Residential Care Services (RCS) Division will not be offered to CPP participants. This includes placement in adult family homes (AFH), adult residential care facilities (ARC), assisted living facilities, and nursing homes.
5. Employment/Day Programs
- a. Persons who have been offered certified CPP residential services and declined them are not eligible for an employment/day program.
 - b. Persons who have not been offered certified CPP residential services and who have not been receiving employment services may receive employment/day program services with the approval of the person's treatment team.
 - c. Persons who have been in employment/day program services prior to being identified as having CP issues, and who have not been offered certified CPP residential services, may remain in their employment/day program or seek new employment under the following conditions:
 - (i) There is disclosure to both the county and the employment/day program provider;
 - (ii) The employment/day program provider can provide the level of supervision needed, consistent with the recommendations of a qualified treatment professional;

- (iii) There is disclosure to the employer when recommended by the person's treatment team; and
 - (iv) The Field Services Administrator (FSA) approves continuation or new employment.
- d. Community access services that are not work-related may only be authorized with the prior approval of the FSA.

PROCEDURES

- A. When a person who meets the criteria for the CPP requests services, the CRM will refer to the parameters outlined above to determine what services to authorize.
- B. When a person who already receives services is identified as having or possibly having community protection issues, the CRM must immediately:
- 1. Advise his/her supervisor and the FSA;
 - 2. Submit a request for the authorization of temporary resources to the service provider(s) to enhance support and supervision (e.g., residential staff add-on, county resources for one-time funding, technical assistance and consultation, etc.);
 - 3. Submit a request for a professional assessment as soon as possible to determine whether the person meets the division's community protection criteria as set forth in DDD Policy 15.01, *Community Protection Program Identification and Eligibility*; and
 - 4. Schedule a staffing with the designated regional CPP coordinator or committee.
- C. When the person resides in an AFH or other HCS or RCS facility, the FSA will notify the HCS or RCS Regional Administrator of the person's community protection status and discuss service options.
- D. Field Services staff will use the following as guidelines to determine whether to continue providing services that are already authorized:
- 1. If the professional assessment concludes that the person meets the CPP criteria but the risk assessment (i.e., likelihood of offense or re-offense) is specified as **low** and the treatment professional determines that existing services are adequate and within the parameters of this policy, the CRM may continue to authorize existing services with the written approval of the FSA.

2. If the professional assessment concludes that the person meets the CPP criteria and the risk assessment is **moderate to high**, Field Services staff will refer to the parameters established in the Policy section to determine what services can be provided.
 3. When the person has been receiving services that include supervision responsibility through either Family Support or Medicaid Personal Care (MPC), the program services will be modified to be consistent with the guidelines above.
 4. When the child/youth is in an out-of-home placement in the Voluntary Placement Program (VPP), the social worker will consult with the birth, adoptive, and foster parents or the licensed facility to determine whether to provide technical assistance and training as needed, or to refer the child/youth to an alternative licensed placement. When the child/youth cannot remain in the existing placement and an alternative placement is needed, the social worker will:
 - a. Return the child/youth to his/her parents' home, consistent with the conditions of the Voluntary Placement Agreement; or
 - b. Refer the child/youth to the Children's Administration Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) for an appropriate alternative placement when there are concerns of abuse/neglect issues.
 5. When the person is in either DDD or other ADSA residential services, Field Services staff will:
 - a. Regard the person as the region's highest priority for the next available CPP resources;
 - b. Advise DDD Central Office and request additional resources if regional resources are not expected to be available in a reasonable period of time; and
 - c. Authorize temporary resources, as approved, to existing service providers to enhance the safety of both the person and the community.
- E. When a person is denied services, or his/her services are reduced or terminated in applying the provisions of this policy, the CRM will provide a written notice to the person and his/her legal representative of the right to a fair hearing in accordance with Chapter 388-08 WAC.

EXCEPTIONS

Any exceptions to this policy must have the prior written approval of the Division Director.

SUPERSESSION

DDD Policy 15.02
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