

Provider Notice

Subject: Magellan Healthcare is seeking providers interested in providing Short-term Respite Care and/or Family Functional Therapy

Short-term Respite (STR) providers are needed in the following Coordinated System of Care (CSoC)

Regions: CSoc Regions One (Orleans), Three (Covington), Four (Thibodaux), Five (Lafayette), Six (Lake Charles), Seven (Alexandria), and Eight (Shreveport).

Brief Overview of Short-Term Respite

Short-term respite care provides temporary direct care and supervision for the child/youth in the child's home or a community setting that is not facility-based. The primary purpose is relief to families/caregivers of a child with a Severely Emotional Disorder (SED) or relief of the child. The service is designed to help meet the needs of the primary caregiver, as well as the identified child. Respite services help to de-escalate stressful situations and provide a therapeutic outlet for the child. Normal activities of daily living such as support in the home, after school or at night, transportation to and from school/medical appointments or other community-based activities and/or any combination of the above are included in the content of the service.

The provider agency must have or obtain a Home and Community Based License. If you are not licensed as a Home and Community Based provider, you will be required to go through the Facility Needs Review Process. Magellan will assist in the process of defining the need. Additional information about the service and licensing requirements can be found here [bhs.pdf \(lamedicaid.com\)](#).

Functional Family Therapy (FFT) and Functional Family Therapy-Child Welfare (FFT-CW) providers are

needed in the following Coordinated System of Care (CSoC) Regions: CSoc Regions One (Orleans), Three (Covington), Four (Thibodaux), Five (Lafayette), Six (Lake Charles), Seven (Alexandria), and Eight (Shreveport).

Brief Overview of Functional Family Therapy

FFT services are targeted for youth primarily demonstrating externalizing behaviors or at risk for developing more severe behaviors, which affect family functioning. Youth behaviors include antisocial behavior or acts, violent behaviors and other behavioral issues that impair functioning.

Functional Family Therapy – Child Welfare (FFT-CW) services are targeted for youth and families with suspected or indicated child abuse or neglect.

The provider agency must have or obtain certification issued by the Institute for Family Functional Therapy (FFT) Inc. The provider contracts with FFT, Inc. for training, supervision, and monitoring of services. This occurs primarily through a FFT national consultant. The provider will also have a contractual relationship with FFT Inc., allowing the provider to deliver the licensed FFT model. Additional information may be found here [FFT | Evidence-Based Interventions and Family Counseling \(fftllc.com\)](https://fftllc.com).

The provider agency must also have or obtain a Behavioral Health Service License. If you are not licensed as a Behavioral Health Service provider, a Facility Needs Review Form will be required. Magellan will assist in the process if defining the need. Additional information about the service and licensing requirements can be found here [bhs.pdf \(lamedicaid.com\)](#).

Please see the [CSoC Regional Map](#) for reference.

For information on requirements please view the Louisiana Department of Health Behavioral Health Services [Provider Manual](#).

Please reach out to your [Network Management Specialist](#) (NMS) with any questions or concerns. Your NMS is available for support.

Thank you for all you do in supporting the members of CSoC.

Magellan of Louisiana