

Eligibility Criteria

Admission Criteria

Admission to the Kentucky IMPACT Program and receipt of children's case management requires that the child be between the ages of 3 and 18 and have an Axis I diagnosis from a qualified health professional. Permission for the child's admission to the program must be provided in writing by the child's parent or legally responsible party. A parent or professional involved with the child or family can complete a referral to the IMPACT program and submit that referral to the Local Resource Coordinator (LRC), Leslie Bentley. Each referral received will be reviewed for admission and presented to the Regional Interagency Council (RIAC as soon as possible. If admitted to the program, the child will either be assigned immediately to an IMPACT Service Coordinator for their county, or will be placed in order of receipt on a waiting list to be assigned as soon as a place becomes available (parent or guardian will be notified regularly by the LRC regarding the waiting list progress).

Discharge Criteria

The discharge process from the Kentucky IMPACT Program is discussed immediately upon the child's admission to the program, with the ultimate goal being a successful graduation with treatment plan objectives met. Graduation from the program proceeds when the child has met his/her goals and members of the child's treatment team (including parents/guardians, professionals, natural support providers, etc.) deem that the child's progress is successful.

Transition Criteria

If a child's treatment team deems that continuation of Kentucky IMPACT services is not appropriate for the child (i.e., due to aging out of the program, need for long-term services, etc.), the child's treatment team will make a collective decision regarding any referrals necessary to maintain appropriate continuum of care. The Kentucky IMPACT Service Coordinator will then take the lead in facilitating the transition.

Readmission Criteria

If a child leaves or graduates from the Kentucky IMPACT Program and desires to return to the program within six (6) months from the case closure date, the case may be re-opened immediately without completion of a new referral form. In this case, the LRC may assign the child to any available service coordinator in the child's county of residence, or may place the child at the top of the waiting list for their county of residence, to be assigned when a place is available.

If a child desires to return to the program after the six (6) month interval, a new IMPACT referral form must be completed and submitted to the LRC. The referral will then be put through the process described under "Admission Criteria".

Exclusionary or Ineligibility Criteria

A child cannot be admitted to the Kentucky IMPACT program if they do not reside in one of the seven (7) counties served by RVBH. Also, a child cannot be considered for the program until a complete referral form has been completed that includes an Axis I diagnosis given by a qualified health professional, and the child's parent or legal responsible party has signed the Release of Information included in the referral.