

Behavioral Health Services for Children in Out-of-Home Care

The Division of Behavioral Health Services (DBHS) through the Regional Behavioral Health Authorities (RBHAs) provides an urgent response to all children and adolescents who are removed from their home by the Department of Child Safety (DCS). DBHS requires that all referred children and youth be seen within 72 hours of removal and an assessment be completed. DBHS has directed that children removed by DCS receive a behavioral health urgent response, a comprehensive assessment and remain open for behavioral health services for a minimum of 6 months.

Each RBHA has hired or designated a “DCS Liaison” to assist DCS staff with accessing necessary behavioral health services for children and families involved with child welfare. Additionally, the RBHAs have established a central point of contact to assist with ensuring that children in out of home care receive appropriate and timely behavioral health services to meet their needs. The RBHA DCS email central point of contact can be used by DCS staff, foster parents, and congregate care providers to send questions and/or request any assistance in navigating or obtaining behavioral health services. Below are RBHA DCS email addresses and contact information for each of the RBHAs.

Mercy Maricopa Integrated Care (MMIC)

(Maricopa County)

DCS@mercymaricopa.org

Randy Grover, LCSW, Child Welfare Manager (480) 751-8471

Northern Arizona Regional Behavioral Health Authority (NARBHA)

(Apache, Navajo, Coconino, Yavapai & Mohave Counties)

DCS@narbha.org

Angela Kivela, MA, LAC, Clinical Care Coordinator/DCS Liaison (928) 214-2206

Cenpatico

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Nichol Houser MSW, M.Ed., CMDP Liaison, (866) 495-6738 x26193

Community Partnership of Southern Arizona (CPSA)

(Pima County)

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