

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

REACH for Tomorrow

POLICY: RC-906

TITLE: Outside Referral Procedure

EFFECTIVE DATE: 2/16/21

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1. Youth/families whose counseling needs exceed that which can be met by REACH's prevention activities, outpatient or home-based model are referred to a more intensive intervention program.
2. Referrals to outside providers may be made after prevention activities, assessments, prior to the initiation of services, or during the course of treatment.
3. Outside referrals may be completed in conjunction with REACH ongoing counseling services.
4. Based on the Mental Health/SUD Assessment, and the overall immediate and urgent client/family needs, outside referrals may be made under the following conditions:
 - a. Need for increased level of care for Mental Health/SUD services higher than what REACH can provide;
 - b. Need for med-somatic services;
 - c. Active homicide or suicidal intent;
 - d. Need for counseling or related services outside REACH scope of practice;
 - e. Recent/current evidence of abuse or neglect;
 - f. Client in need of a specialty treatment not currently available within available programming
5. When outside referrals are made in conjunction with ongoing REACH counseling services, consultation and follow-up with outside providers is documented in the client record.
6. REACH will maintain and periodically review data on those youth and families unable to be served by REACH to strategically position the organization to identify and develop services to meet the needs of un-served or underserved populations in the community.