

BSW 712 Service: ~~Family~~ Training and ~~Support~~ Counseling for Unpaid Caregivers

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PURPOSE

Caregiver training and counseling services are for people who provide unpaid support, training, companionship or supervision to members. Counseling must be aimed at assisting the unpaid caregiver in meeting the needs of the member. All training for individuals who provide unpaid support to the member must be included in the member's service plan.

DEFINITION

A caregiver could be any person, family member, neighbor, friend, companion, or coworker who provides uncompensated care, training, guidance, companionship, or support to a Big Sky Waiver member.

This service allows for:

1. Instruction about treatment regimens and other services included in the service plan including the use of equipment, including updates as needed to safely maintain the member at home.
- 1-2. ~~Providing training to families and others who work or play with a qualified child. Training would include~~ General orientation about the ~~child's~~ member's ~~disability needs~~ ~~disabling condition of the child~~ as well as training specific to ~~meet~~ the needs of the ~~child~~ member and his or her family and ~~how best to meet those needs.~~
2. ~~Serving as consultant to families regarding the developmental stages and activities that support the developmental process~~ in terms of developmental stages and teaching activities that families can do with their child that would help in the developmental process;
3. Collaborating with the case managers and families to develop strategies for environmental modifications or adaptations that would ~~be beneficial to~~ benefit the ~~child~~ member.
4. Providing support to caregivers and families, including self-care behaviors, self-confidence, problem solving, and referrals to resources, including peer networks, that provide support.
- 3-5. ~~Advocating for the family's needs with the case management team and others who may offer supports and services.~~
6. ~~Periodically~~ assessing the ~~child~~ members, including conducting developmental assessments, ~~in order to~~ identify areas of strength, determine progress, and discover unmet needs, ~~determine progress, and identify areas of strength or lack of progress and identifying areas of strength that can be emphasized.~~
- 4-7. ~~Serving as consultant to families regarding the developmental stages and activities that support the developmental process.~~
5. ~~Providing~~ emotional support to families, including active listening, problem-solving and referrals to resources, including peer networks, that provide support; ~~suggesting resources such as peers and others within the disability community who could offer support;~~
6. ~~Advocating for the family's needs with the case management team (CMT) and others who may offer supports and services~~

7.8. Assisting the family and case management team with the transition and referral of child members to special education, including Part B.

SERVICE LIMITATIONS

This service may not be provided in order to train paid caregivers.

PROVIDER REQUIREMENT

This service ~~should~~ ~~would~~ ~~must~~ be provided by ~~an employee of a Child and Family services provider under contract with the state Developmental Services Division~~ ~~an enrolled Child and Family Services Training, Area Agency on Aging/Aging and Disability Resource Center, or Center for Independent Living provider, who meets associated provider standards.~~

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