

AN ACT concerning children.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Children and Family Services Act is amended by adding Section 5.25 as follows:

(20 ILCS 505/5.25 new)

Sec. 5.25. Behavioral health services.

(a) Every child in the care of the Department of Children and Family Services under this Act shall receive the necessary behavioral health services including but not limited to: mental health services, trauma services, substance abuse services, and developmental disabilities services. The provision of these services may be provided in milieu including but not limited to: integrated assessment, treatment plans, individual and group therapy, specialized foster care, community based programming, licensed residential services, psychosocial rehabilitation, screening assessment and support services, hospitalization, and transitional planning and referral to the Department of Human Services for appropriate services when the child reaches adulthood. Services shall be appropriate to meet the needs of the individual child and may be provided to the child at the site of the program, facility, or foster home or at an otherwise appropriate location. A program facility, or home, shall assist the Department staff in arranging for a child to receive behavioral health services from an outside provider when those services are necessary to meet the child's needs and the child wishes to receive them.

(b) Not later than January 1, 2006, the Department shall file a proposed rule or a proposed amendment to an existing rule regarding the provision of behavioral health services to children who have serious behavioral health needs. The proposal shall address, but is not limited to, the implementation of the

following: integrated assessment, treatment plans, individual and group therapy, specialized foster care, community based programming, licensed residential services, psychosocial rehabilitation, hospitalization, and transitional planning and referral to the Department of Human Services for appropriate services when the child reaches adulthood.

(c) In preparation for the comprehensive implementation of the behavioral health system, the Department shall also prepare an assessment of behavioral health community services available to the Department in the State. The assessment shall evaluate the resources needed in each region to provide appropriate behavioral health services for all of the Department's foster children within the region's service area who are in need of behavioral health services. The assessments shall include, at a minimum, an analysis of the current availability and needs in each of the following areas: comprehensive integrated assessment, trauma services, mental health treatment, qualified mental health professionals, community providers, programs for psychosocial rehabilitation, and programs for substance abuse. By January 1, 2007, the Department shall complete all required individual and regional assessments and shall submit a written report to the Governor and the General Assembly that describes the results of the assessment and contains a specific plan to address the identified needs for services.