

Fact Sheet: Youth Substance Use Disorder Services under the Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA)

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Overview	Behavioral Health Organizations (BHO), and Associated Service Organizations (ASO) contract with designated chemical dependency professionals (DCDP) to provide evaluations of youth who appear to be in need of treatment. Depending on the findings, local courts may be approached for orders of detention and treatment under the Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA). If youth are ordered to treatment, they are placed in residential substance use disorder treatment facilities designed for youth.
Eligibility Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth, under age 18, who are in need of treatment, who have failed in prior treatment settings, and present a likelihood of serious harm to others or are gravely disabled as a result of substance use disorder. A designated chemical dependency specialist (DCDS) may be asked to review alleged facts for commitment. After an evaluation and investigation, the DCDS may facilitate the filing of a petition for commitment with the court of jurisdiction. • If a petition for commitment is not filed in the case of a minor; the parent, guardian, or custodian who has custody of the minor may seek review of that decision in superior or district court. The parent, guardian, or custodian shall file notice with the court and provide a copy of the initial report. • Referrals for evaluation may come from a number of different sources such as family, friends, court jurisdiction, and health professionals.
Authority	RCW 70.96A.140 authorizes a DCDS to investigate and evaluate specific facts alleging that a person is incapacitated as a result of substance use disorder.
Budget	<p>The Medicaid funding for youth SUD treatment is included in the per-member-per-month (PMPM) payment for the Behavioral Health Organizations (BHOs). Since moving managed care, there is no longer a separate budget for these services.</p> <p>In addition to the PMPM for Medicaid clients, Medicaid and low-income youth can access non-Medicaid services through the BHOs using the Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG), GF-State, or Designated Marijuana Account funds.</p>
Rates	Rates vary between BHOs and their providers.

Partners	DBHR contracts with Great Rivers, Greater Columbia, King, North Central, North Sound, Optum Health; Pierce, Salish, Spokane, and Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organizations, and Health Care Authority for the Southwest Washington Region to manage these resources for the youth in their region.
Oversight	DBHR Contract Managers provide oversight for Behavioral Health Organization contracted services. Also, DBHR certification and DOH licensure are required.
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