

Choice Model Program

Overview

Choice Model Program consists of care coordinators who work with Multnomah County residents' behavioral health providers to identify and remove barriers to services, find resources and provide transition planning support for housing and behavioral health. Choice assists those with a severe and persistent mental illness at the Oregon State Hospital (OSH), in licensed residential care and/or clients in acute care settings to support discharge planning back to the community, centering discharge plans around the client's voice, input, and goals. Choice assists with connecting providers to resources and creating wraparound discharge plans to appropriate levels of care, including but not limited to: community placements, services, and licensed residential facilities. The goal is to assist Multnomah residents in living as independently as possible while they are receiving the appropriate clinical care.

Eligibility and Prioritization

Clients will be automatically enrolled in Choice if meeting the following criteria:

- Admitted to OSH under civil commitment
- Admitted to OSH under guardian authorization
- Are in a secured or non-secure Mental Health licensed residential facility
- Are residing in a licensed Mental Health adult care home

Eligibility for Choice includes clients who meet one or more of the following criteria:

- History of civil commitments and/or admission to OSH under civil commitment
- Have been found to lack ability to proceed
- Under Psychiatric Security Review Board (PSRB) jurisdiction and will be timing out of PSRB within 6-12 months
- Current inability to maintain stability in the community with multiple ER visits for behavioral health reasons, and demonstrating risk that would lead to civil commitment and/or referral to state hospital

Priority given to clients who are:

- are being transferred to OSH on civil commitment
- are currently on commitment and approved for OSH or Steve Wilson Recovery Center.
- are not eligible for Medicaid and need Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) or Intensive Case Management (ICM) services
- under PSRB and within six months of End of Jurisdiction (EOJ)

Referring for Eligibility

To be considered, please email the Choice leadership at Multco-Choice-Leadership@multco.us with the most recent mental health assessment and a brief description of the services and supports needed from Choice enrollment. Choice leadership will review and determine eligibility based on criteria and prioritization. If a client is not eligible, recommendations/assistance will be provided in connecting to other resources, the process for referring to Residential Services, and/or care coordination teams available for support.

FAQs

Does having Choice enrollment give priority to residential referrals?

No, referrals to residential are prioritized based on level of care per OARs: [OAR 309-035-0163 \(12\)\(d\)\(A-B\)](#)