Multidimensional Family Therapy (MDFT)

MULTIPLE STRATEGIES FOR AT-RISK YOUTH.

Multidimensional Family Therapy (MDFT) is an innovative and evidence-based intensive in-home program for youth ages 9-18 presenting with substance abuse issues, oppositional behaviors and family conflict. The MDFT team provides clinical interventions and strategies coupled with connecting the youth to services in the community, collaborating with internal and external providers, as well as addressing educational needs. The MDFT team works with the youth and families for approximately four to six months.

OUR PROGRAM

- Helps youth understand the connections between drug use, criminal behavior and mental health
- Helps youth to acquire skills that enhance positive peer relations, healthy self-esteem, connection to school and community activities, increased autonomy and an emotional connection to family members
- Increases parent and family member engagement by:
  - Helping families to learn and apply skills that improve the relationship with their child or sibling
  - Increase parental knowledge of successful parenting practices
  - Improving day-to-day and intimate communication
- MDFT also offers crisis intervention 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

OUR OUTCOMES

In 2015

- 94% of youth remained at home at time of discharge
- 89% of youth were in school at time of discharge
- 74% of youth had no new arrests during their time with the MDFT program

WE SERVE YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES IN:


For information or to make an appointment, call the Navigation Center at 860.793.3500.

Locations

458 Grand Avenue
New Haven, CT 06513

50 Brookside Road
Waterbury, CT 06708

Main Office/Mailing Address
91 Northwest Drive
Plainville, CT 06062

Funding Sources

Connecticut Department of Children and Families
ABOUT WHEELER CLINIC

Wheeler provides comprehensive solutions that address complex health issues, providing individuals, families and communities with accessible, innovative care that encourages recovery, health and growth at all stages of life. Our integrated approach to primary and behavioral health, education and recovery creates measurable results, positive outcomes and hopeful tomorrows for more than 30,000 individuals across Connecticut each year.

WHEELER’S CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

- Driven by cutting-edge clinical innovation and use of evidence-based practices;
- Offers easy access to a comprehensive array of treatment and recovery support services that are culturally, gender, and age-responsive, trauma-informed, and build on individuals’ strengths to foster resiliency and recovery;
- World-class customer care is provided in an integrated, coordinated fashion, ensuring continuity of care; and
- Partners with youth and families in yielding excellent outcomes and high client satisfaction.

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