

ADMISSIONS

Individuals receiving behavior respite, both planned and emergent, are referred and authorized by the DDA/CMRO, who verifies that the person is eligible for DDA funding and confirms the presence of challenging behaviors and/or co-occurring mental health issues.

Individuals receiving transitional services, both planned and emergent, are referred by the Region's BSC and are authorized by the DDA/CMRO.

To obtain further information about Chimes behavior support services, please contact our Behavior Support Services Manager at 410-358-6400 extension 3366.

Chimes support services are licensed and funded by the state of Maryland.

Chimes, its subsidiaries and affiliates, do not discriminate in the provision of services to persons served and are equal opportunity employers as stated in the Chimes Policy on Non-discrimination in accordance with all federal, state and local laws.



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Chimes Maryland behavior support services encompass behavior respite and transitional services for individuals, both children and adults, with intellectual and developmental disabilities who have

challenging behaviors and/or co-occurring disorders, some with court involvement.

Services are part of a comprehensive and integrated system of behavior supports within the Central Maryland Region. Services are responsive, flexible, creative, collaborative and available in reasonable proximity to all local jurisdictions within the Metropolitan area. The goals of behavior respite and transitional services are to divert unnecessary or prolonged hospitalizations or potential homelessness related to challenging behaviors, while maximizing opportunities for individuals to be successful in the community and promoting their growth and independence.

Service Description

Behavior respite and transitional services are provided 365 days of the year with 24 hours, 7 days a week, availability for referrals. Both services are time limited based on regulatory requirements and/or the discretion of the Developmental Disabilities Administration, Central Maryland Regional Office (DDA/CMRO). Emergency access to both services is available within 24 hours of the referral. Planned access is based upon a prearranged and authorized date from the DDA/CMRO. Behavior respite may be provided in the person's natural home or a Chimes community home. Transitional services are provided in dedicated Chimes community homes.

Support Plans are developed within one week of initiating services. Behavior management plans, as needed by the person, are developed or revised by the Region's Behavior Support Contractor (BSC). As necessary, behavior management plans are reviewed by the Chimes Human Rights Advisory Standing Committee to ensure that the person's values and fundamental rights are supported appropriately. Supports provided during respite periods are based on the needs of the individual, and where applicable, take into consideration behavior assessment/consultation. Supports may include, but are not limited to: case management and coordination, medical/nursing and psychiatric services, recreational and social activities, counseling, personal skills training and transportation.

Staff

Chimes ensures that each individual served receives the proper level and type of support indicated in his/her Support Plan. Direct support and supervision may be provided by an Individual Family Care Provider, Chimes staff, contractual Health Care Agents or a combination of these. Chimes staff and contractors are specially trained to work with each individual in order to promote the highest quality of care. In addition to required trainings, staff are trained in Behavior Principles and Strategies and where applicable, are also trained in Behavior Management Plan implementation. In addition to direct support staff, our program includes case managers and program managers, who ensure that the level of service delivery and coordination of resources is consistent with the Support Plan.

We also utilize and coordinate with an array of licensed professionals in community practice to address physical and mental health needs.