**TMRSN/DCFS CHILDREN’S MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST**

The Children’s Mental Health Specialist is jointly funded by the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and Thurston/Mason Regional Support Network (TMRSN).

The purpose of this service is to enhance cross-system collaboration and to assure early linkage/intervention for acute or severely emotionally disturbed children.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Children and their families are eligible for services provided by the Children’s Mental Health Specialist if they are referred by DCFS or TMRSN, and they are:

- A resident of Thurston or Mason County; and
- DCFS involved; and/or
- TMRSN eligible but not currently enrolled; and
- The child is acutely or severely emotionally disturbed; or
- At high risk of suicide.

Note: Children and/or families who are currently enrolled with a TMRSN provider should seek services from that mental health provider.

**SERVICES**

The Children’s Mental Health Specialist provides a variety of clinical services to eligible children and their families, including:

- Crisis case management for children/youth experiencing mental health crises
- Next business day, brief intervention services to children/youth in crisis
- Comprehensive mental health assessments
- Referral and linkage to TMRSN-contracted providers, DCFS services and other local resources

The Children’s Mental Health Specialist also:

- Functions as clinical liaison between the DCFS and TMRSN systems/agencies
- Provides clinical consultation to DCFS social workers, out-of-home facilities, and TMRSN-contracted mental health providers
- Participates as a member of the Children’s Community Consensus Team (CCCT) and other cross-system treatment teams
CONTACT INFORMATION
To request services or consultation, please call:

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(360) 704-7170

Hours: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Monday through Friday
(some evenings by appointment)

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