

FOCUS ON YOUTH FUND

Please email or call Johnson County Social Services for more information and to find out if your child would qualify:

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855 S. Dubuque Street, Suite 202B
Iowa City, Iowa 52240

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The Johnson County FOCUS ON YOUTH FUND for Families

Providing financial help for youth and families to address emotional and behavioral health challenges.

**FUND FOR FAMILIES
WITH A CHILD WHO
HAS AN EMOTIONAL
DISTURBANCE or
BEHAVIORAL
DISORDER**



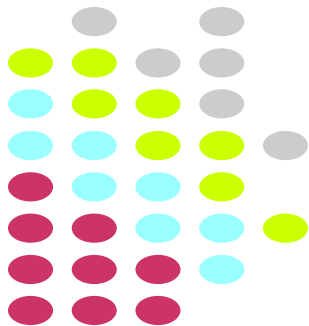
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What is the FOCUS ON YOUTH FUND?

Funding is available to fill in the service gaps when insurance or other programs don't cover all of a family's needs or expenses. The purpose of the fund is to help parents:

- A) Keep their child in their home, school or community.
- B) Shorten their length of stay if placed in foster care or residential treatment.

Parenting is a tough job, especially if your child has special needs. Our goal is to make things a little easier for families to meet their children's needs, so that everyone is happier and more secure.



Who Qualifies for Help?

Children (0 to 18 years old) who have been diagnosed with a severe emotional or behavioral disorder, and live in Johnson County, may qualify for these supplemental assistance funds. If the child has not been diagnosed but you suspect the child may have an emotional disturbance/behavioral disorder, the FOCUS ON YOUTH FUND can pay for a psychiatric evaluation to find out what may be wrong. Some disorders that qualify for use of the FUND include:

- ADD/ADHD
- Attachment Disorder
- Adjustment Disorder
- Conduct Disorder
- Depression/Anxiety (mood disorders)
- Oppositional Defiant Disorder

To qualify the family household income must not exceed 300% of the Federal Poverty Level Guidelines. See below for amounts.

Family Size 2	\$4,930 monthly
3	\$6,215 monthly
4	\$7,500 monthly
5	\$8,785 monthly

*We are **not able** to approve funding for children diagnosed with Developmental Disorders, Autism, Asperger's, Intellectual Disabilities, Substance Abuse, etc. unless there is a co-existing diagnosis of an emotional or behavioral disturbance.

What Costs Does the FUND Help Cover?



If insurance or another program can't pay for it and parents cannot afford it, the Johnson County FOCUS ON YOUTH FUND can help with:

- Screening, assessment, and evaluations
- Prescription medication
- Medication management appointments
- Individual, group, and family therapy
- Behavioral Intervention Services (BHIS)

The FUND will assist with expenses that are not covered by insurance or other funds. The FUND can help cover co-pays.