



# Charles County Advocacy Council for Children, Youth, and Families

## Local Care Team

Charles County Public Schools Behavioral Health Conference

Thursday, March 9, 2023

2:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

# Purpose

Be a forum for:

- Families of children with intensive needs. Families will receive assistance with the identification of individual needs and potential resources.
- Interagency discussion and problem solving for individual child and family needs including, but not limited to voluntary placement agreement (VPA) cases.



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## Purpose

Refer Families to:

- Available local and community resources;
- Provide training and technical assistance to local agency and community partners;
- Identify and share resources with surrounding jurisdictions.

# Duties and Responsibilities

- Accept referrals from lead agencies and review cases in a timely manner at least with 30 days of a request.
- Refer cases to other entities as appropriate.
- Upon receipt of a request for a VPA for a child with a developmental disability or mental illness, the LCT shall discuss the case and determine if any alternative services for the child and family may be provided by any agency.



# Local Care Team Members

- Center for Children (CFC)
- Charles County Advocacy Council for Children, Youth and Families (CCACCYF)
- Charles County Public Schools (CCPS)
- Department of Juvenile Services (DJS)
- Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS)
- Department of Social Services (DSS)
- Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)
- Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA)
- Maryland Coalition of Families (MCF)
- Southern Maryland Community Network (SMCN)



# How to Make a Referral

- Self- Referral
- Agency Referral
- Once referrals are received by the LCT Coordinator, the notification of the meeting will be sent to the child's parents/guardians.

# Confidentiality

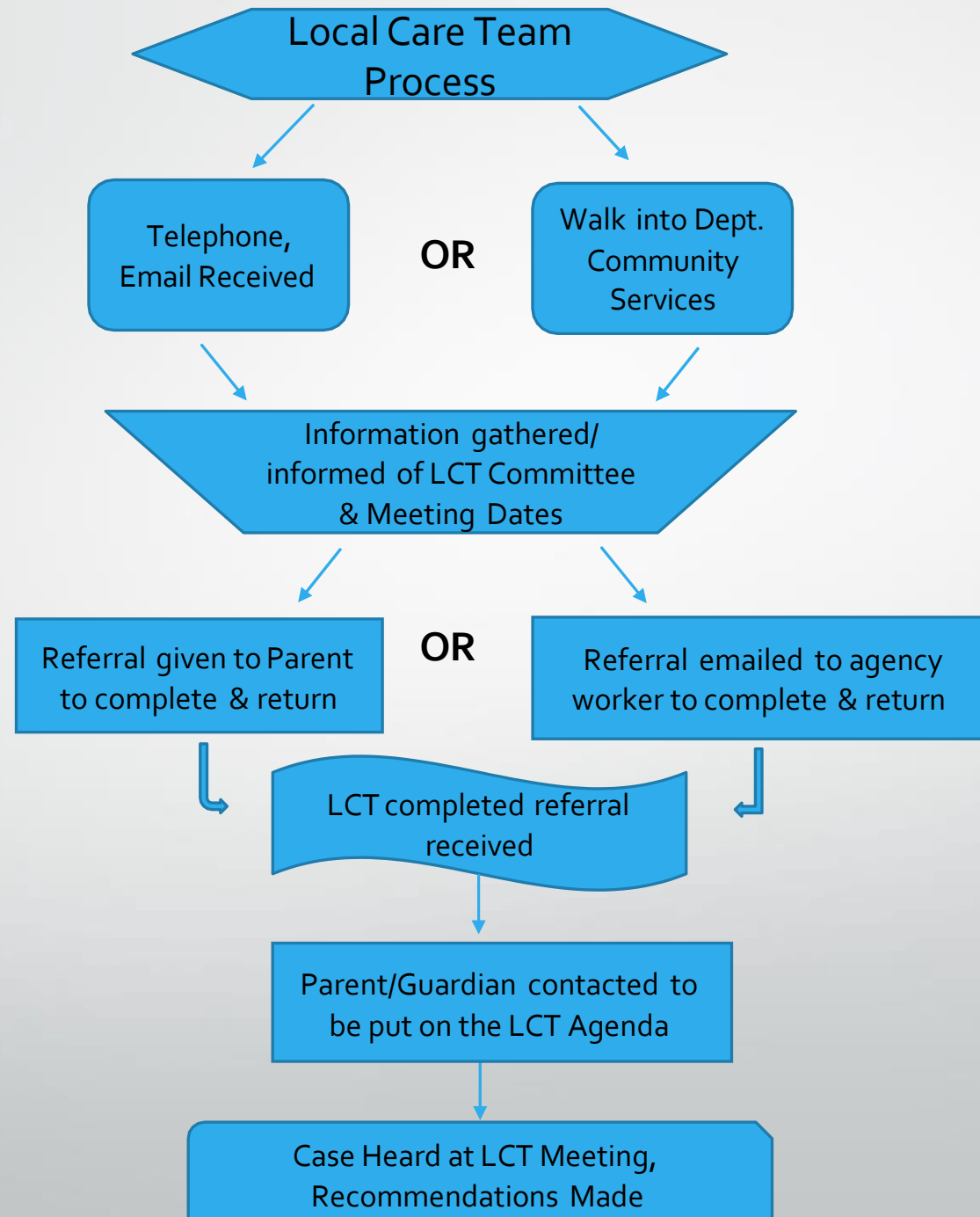
- The Local Care Team follows all state and federal laws concerning the sharing of confidential information.
- A release of information must be signed by the parents/guardians.

# Format of the Meeting

- Virtual meetings are held weekly.
- Parents, guardians, or legal counsel must attend the meetings.
  - Information is presented regarding their positions to the child's needs and history.
- Team members discuss the child's needs and potential community resources that are available.
- Parents receive a written action plan of the meeting notes and team recommendations.







# Common Reasons to Refer

- History of inappropriate or disruptive school behaviors
- Behavioral history of acute or hospital room emergency visits
- Diagnosed with developmental disability or multiple disabilities
- Has a substance use history
- Exhibits sexually reactive behavior, gestures
- Exhibits violent, or aggressive behaviors
- Suicidal ideation
- Exhibits or engages in fire setting behaviors
- Clinically recommended for residential treatment



# Programs Offered

# Contact

## Local Management Board

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