

Comprehensive Behavioral Health Assessment (CBHA)

Comprehensive Behavioral Health Assessment (CBHA) requested for each child from birth –17 years of age placed in Out-of-Home care. CBHAs gather information to provide specific recommendations about mental health and related needs

- **Referral Process:** Behavioral Health Services Specialist (BHSS) makes referral within 7 days of Shelter Hearing. It is extremely important that case management assists with providing the requested information/support to the CBHA assessor
- **Preliminary CBHA Recommendations:** Within one week of referral, the assessor should be making face-to-face contact with child and providing Preliminary Recommendations (individual therapy) to the BHSS. BHSS will forward the Preliminary Recommendations to Case Management and notify if the provider agency is able to provide services recommended in the preliminary recommendations



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- **Completed Assessment:** Contracted providers will complete CBHA within 24 days and return it to BHSS. Once received, BHSS will review CBHA and forward it to Case Management

1st email sent to DCM & Children's Legal Services (CLS) including summary of child's diagnosis and CBHA's recommendations

2nd email sent listing recommended services for both child & parent(s) and contains list of suggested provider agencies able to accommodate CBHA recommendations

DCM must submit all referrals. BHSS may be able to assist on a case-by-case basis if there are service barriers

- CBHAs are saved under the child's FSFN Medical Tab. If CBHA is several years old and not in FSFN, email cbha@childnet.us to request a copy
- **In-Home Assessment in lieu of CBHA:** Any child who is part of "one parent shelter" will obtain an In-Home Assessment through Center for Child Counseling

