

## Division of Specialized Care for Children



# Interim Relief Program

## Application Process

**We're  
Here  
to Help.**



## Who we help

The Interim Relief program seeks placement for eligible children under the age of 21 at Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs). PRTFs offer intensive therapeutic services for children and adolescents whose mental health needs are not being met in other settings. The approved PRTFs provide structured therapeutic environments that accept patients with mental health diagnoses, including but not limited to substance use disorder, sexual abuse or deviance, aggression, personality disorders, etc. Treatment typically includes individual, group and family therapy.

## How we help

We partner with families and PRTFs that will appropriately address a child's social, emotional and behavioral needs. Our care coordination includes:

- Gathering and sending referral information to PRTFs
- Arranging transportation to the facility
- Maintaining frequent communication with the family and facility
- Ongoing assessment of needs and person-centered planning
- Transition and discharge planning

**Please Note:** Interim Relief placements are out of state and cannot provide crisis placement.



# Is my child eligible?

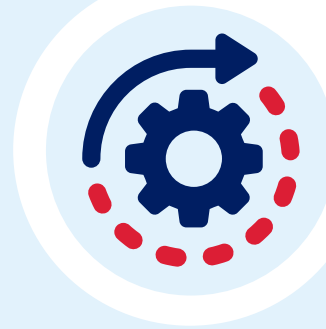
To receive Interim Relief services, your child and family must meet the following requirements:

- Be under the age of 21
- Enrolled in Illinois Medicaid
- Not in the custody or guardianship of any state or federal agency (including the Department of Children and Family Services)
- Provide a letter of medical necessity from a physician
- Complete the Interim Relief Application and Consent form
- Provide supporting clinical documentation

For questions about eligibility, call us at **(800) 322-3722**.



## How to apply



- You can access the application form on our website at [dsccl.uic.edu/interim-relief-program/](https://dsccl.uic.edu/interim-relief-program/). You may also call us at **(800) 322-3722** and our staff can help you complete an application by phone.

We work as quickly as possible to determine how we can help your child. Our goal is to begin making a difference in the life of your family as soon as possible!



Visit Our Website:  
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We partner with Illinois families and communities to help children and youth with special healthcare needs connect to services and resources.