

# MATCH ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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Below are the criteria that determine whether a child/youth/individual with complex behavioral health needs is eligible for referral to the State MATCH Clinical Team. A child/youth/individual with a complex behavioral health disorder is defined as a child/youth/individual with challenging behavioral needs who will benefit from clinically focused therapeutic treatment to avoid placement in a more-restrictive level of care and from improved family functioning upon return to a less-restrictive setting.

**These criteria are cumulative;** each section must apply to the child/youth/individual to be MATCH eligible.

What is the age of the individual? At least one of the following must apply to be MATCH eligible.

- Age 17 or younger
- Age 18-21 with an IDD and/or ASD diagnosis OR in DFCS/DJJ Custody

Is the individual currently located in one of the following without continuity of care options? At least one must apply to be MATCH eligible.

- Hospital Emergency Department (ED)
- Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU)
- Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF)
- Congregate Care Facility
- Department of Juvenile Justice facility
- GCAL Bed Board for more than 3 days
- Inappropriate and/or out-of-state placement
- Child Caring Institution
- Hotel
- Unhoused
- Home or foster home AND at immediate risk for one of the above

Prior discharge from a treatment program or facility that resulted in treatment disruption or readmission to an ED, CSU or PRTF, as evidenced by at least one of the following:

- Need for enhanced engagement in discharge planning
- Lack of access to the appropriate treatment/service/support options
- History of multiple treatment and/or placement disruptions
- Individual denied based on presentation

Which of the following systems or services is the individual currently involved in (or has been involved in within the past 12 months)? At least TWO must apply to be MATCH eligible (multiple selections can be made under sub-categories).

- State Agencies (One or more)
  - Department of Community Health
  - Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
  - Department of Juvenile Justice
  - Department of Family and Childrens Services
  - Georgia Vocational Rehabilitation Agency
  - Department of Corrections
  - Department of Community Supervision
- School Specialty Supports (One or more)
  - Individualized Education Plan
  - 504 Plan
  - Special Education
  - Behavioral Aid

- Truancy Panel
- Others
- Juvenile Court/ Children in Need of Services (CHINS)
- Local Interagency Planning Team (LIPT)
- Tier 1, 2 provider(s)- (e.g. Safety Net Providers, Core Services, Community Service Boards, Certified Community Behavioral Health Center, Care Management Entity)
- Tier 3- Specialty Service Array- (e.g. ABA, APEX, ACT, CSU, PRTF, Clubhouse, IFI, Mobile Crisis, GA LIGHT Program)
- Family Support Organization (Certified Peer Support)
- Private therapist, psychiatrist or psychologist

Which of the following conditions applies to the individual? At least TWO conditions must apply to be MATCH eligible.

- Behavioral and/or Mental Health Diagnosis
- Substance Use Disorder (SUD)
- Intellectual Developmental Disability (I/DD)
- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- Behaviors demonstrating support for one of the above-undocumented diagnoses
- Complex needs demonstrated by behaviors (e.g. trauma response behaviors, sexually inappropriate behavior, excessive aggression, RAD behaviors, conduct disorder behaviors, borderline behaviors)

What is the current insurance status of the individual? At least one of the following must apply for an individual to be MATCH eligible. Individuals solely covered by Private/Commercial Insurance are not eligible for MATCH.

- Pathways
- Georgia Families (Amerigroup, Caresource, Peach State)
- Georgia Families 360 (Amerigroup)
- Peachcare for Kids (Amerigroup, Caresource, Peach State)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Uninsured or Underinsured