

## Instructions for MATCH Referral Sources

The State MATCH Clinical Team (MCT) serves children, youth, and young adults with complex behavioral health needs that have not been met at the local level. To ensure “no wrong door” for a MATCH eligible child/youth/individual to access the MCT, referrals are accepted from a variety of sources, described below. All MATCH referrals are channeled through a MATCH Clinical Team member to the MATCH Director at the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD).

**For Division of Family & Child Services (DFCS) Staff:** Follow the protocol established by DFCS to refer eligible individuals to the DFCS representative on the MATCH Clinical Team.

**For Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) Staff:** Follow the protocol established by DJJ to refer eligible individuals to the DJJ representative on the MATCH Clinical Team.

**For Local Interagency Planning Team (LIPT) Chairs:** Discuss with your team the appropriate team member/organization to submit a MATCH Referral. If the LIPT, contact your DBHDD Regional Child, Youth & Family (CYF) Specialist for a preliminary discussion to determine the individual’s potential MATCH eligibility. If eligible, the Chair compiles all required information and documents to submit to the Regional CYF Specialist for their review. The CYF Specialist will forward completed and eligible referrals to the MATCH Director. The LIPT Chair may be invited to participate in the Clinical Team meeting.

**For School Staff:** Contact the LIPT Chair for your county to discuss the individual’s potential MATCH eligibility. The LIPT will serve as your entry point into a potential MATCH referral. Click to find your [LIPT Chair List](#)

**For Parents:** Contact the LIPT Chair for your county to discuss the individual’s potential MATCH eligibility. The LIPT will serve as your entry point into a potential MATCH referral. Click to find your [LIPT Chair List](#)

**For DBHDD Core & Specialty Providers Serving SSI & Uninsured Individuals:** Contact MATCH staff at DBHDD for a preliminary discussion to determine an individual’s potential eligibility for MATCH. If eligible, provide the MATCH team at DBHDD with all relevant information and documentation needed for a referral to MATCH. You may be invited to participate in the Clinical Team’s discussion of the referral.

**For Medicaid Providers in Network with a CMO:** Contact the designated MATCH Coordinator at the Care Management Organization (CMO) assigned to the individual for a preliminary discussion to determine potential MATCH eligibility. If eligible, provide the MATCH Coordinator with all required MATCH referral information and documentation. The MATCH Coordinator will forward eligible referrals on to DCH MCT representative or MATCH Director. The referring clinician may be invited to participate in the Clinical Team’s discussion.

**Specialty Providers, including PRTE, Serving Medicaid Enrolled Individual:** Contact the designated MATCH Coordinator at the CMO assigned to the individual to determine an individual’s potential MATCH eligibility. If eligible, provide the MATCH Coordinator with all required MATCH referral information and documentation. The MATCH Coordinator will forward eligible referrals on to the DCH MCT representative or MATCH Director. The referring clinician may be invited to participate in the Clinical Team’s discussion.

**For Community Service Board (CSB) Clinicians:** Contact the Clinical Director or Child and Adolescent Director at your CSB for a preliminary discussion to determine potential MATCH eligibility. The CSB representative will help ensure you have gathered all information and documentation needed to submit a MATCH referral.

**For Care Management Entity (CME) Clinicians:** Contact your MATCH Clinical Team representative for a preliminary discussion to determine potential MATCH eligibility. If eligible, prepare all relevant information and documentation needed to submit a referral to MATCH.