GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The Outpatient Treatment Program provides a variety of treatment services that include individual, group, and family counseling and education on recovery, wellness and resiliency. Treatment is provided in a coordinated, comprehensive, and defined structure and may vary in level of intensity and frequency. Level of intensity and frequency of services is tailored to meet the individualized needs of the person served. Treatment services are designed to assist the person served to achieve identified goals toward recovery, related to areas such as psychological or social functioning, self-esteem, and growth, coping and decision-making abilities, relational problems, and mental illness symptom reduction.

Records are maintained in an electronic medical records system designed and maintained by the South Carolina Department of Mental Health. This includes a standardization of assessment forms, physician's medical assessments and clinical service notes. This technology allows immediate access of medical records of any active or discharged client from anywhere in the state of South Carolina. Tele-psychiatry availability is expanding and we have invested in the equipment necessary to capitalize on this service. We additionally maintain a website allowing person's served access to information concerning services available.

We fully integrate treatment with other agencies such as Vocational Rehabilitation, including having one of their staff located in our facility. They work hand-in-hand with our own Individual Placement and Support (IPS) clinician to facilitate employment opportunities. We work with Behavioral Health for substance abuse treatment, and with clients with a serious mental illness and substance use we provide our own Dual Diagnosis services. Out-stationed child and adolescent staff are located at our Department of Social Services office in Anderson. School Mental Health staff in our catchment area also integrate services within school systems.

In conjunction with Outpatient Treatment persons served may also receive Targeted Case Management Services to address emerging needs such as housing, financial needs, and medical home needs.

POPULATION

Outpatient Treatment Services are available to adults, children, and adolescents and their families.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Any person experiencing a treatable mental illness and who could likely benefit from individual, group, or family therapy is eligible for admission. There is no referral necessary, eliminating a frequent barrier to treatment. Maximum benefit from this program is expected to be reached within a six-month time frame. With sufficient justification, the length of treatment may be extended based on the needs of the client. Referral sources and recommendations will be provided as needed by clinical staff, or at the request of the person served.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Outpatient services are available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This program is closed on DMH approved Holidays. Additional hours may be available on request.

AFTER HOURS CONTACT

Emergency after-hours crisis intervention is available by calling the AOP Center phone number or County Clinic phone number, which is transferred to a centrally answered Mobile Crisis line for after-hours services and response. The Mobile Crisis staff are on-call to respond to calls needing a Mental Health Professional's (MHP) intervention. This intervention may include responses in the community both during after hours, for assessment and consultation.

ADEQUATE RESOURCES

Provision of outpatient treatment continues to be a priority for the AOP Board of Directors and our Mental Health Center. Staff assignments and other financial resources are allocated to support the Outpatient Treatment Program. Adequate facility space is provided for staff to meet client needs for treatment in a comfortable setting.

TREATMENT SETTING

Outpatient treatment may be provided in a number of settings based on treatment needs for the person served. Outpatient Treatment is provided in clinic as well as community based settings.

PHILOSOPHY

We believe the people we serve have the right to personal dignity, respect, and the highest possible degree of independence. We are committed to services that promote the individual's recovery from mental illness and that are delivered in the least restrictive environment.

In active partnership with the person served, Outpatient Treatment provides services that are based on individual strengths, needs, abilities, and preferences with a focus on building or increasing existing levels of functioning and reducing symptoms of mental illness. Emphasis is placed on helping the person served accomplish self-described goals, as well as increasing abilities to function within the family, school, workplace and/or community.

FEES AND PAYOR SOURCES

The Department of Mental Health accepts major payer sources including Medicaid, Medicare and Private Insurance. During the administrative intake, individuals are provided a copy of the current rate schedule. At any time individuals may contact their local clinic to ask the administrative specialist current rate schedules, or to determine insurance coverage.

Unanticipated service modification, reduction, and other exits/transitions precipitated by funding and other resource issues will be addressed through rapid referral and placement.

GOALS, OBJECTIVES, OUTCOMES

- To provide timely and accurate assessment that identifies behaviors, symptoms, and issues that may benefit from treatment and provide the necessary framework for treatment planning.
- To provide linkage and integration with other community services when indicated.
- > To assist individuals and families to meet identified goals through the use of brief strategic type interventions such as cognitive behavioral therapy, education on wellness and recovery, and interpersonal and/or social skills development.
- To maximize individual and/or family functioning.
- > To measure and demonstrate progress of the person served through the use of such outcomes measures as client employment, housing, and community tenure, achievement of client self-described goals, AOP Post Assessment Survey and DMH Survey.

DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES

Outpatient treatment is provided on a one-to-one basis or in groups and includes the following list of services that are provided directly, based on the needs of the person served. Any needs outside the scope of AOP providers will be addressed through direct referral to an appropriate treatment provider or through care coordination. AOP has no standing contract agreements for any service provision.

MHP:

Assessment **Individual Therapy** Family Therapy **Group Therapy** Crisis Intervention Service Service Plan Development **Family Outreach Services Dual Diagnosis Services** Intensive Community Treatment (ICT)

MHP & Non-MHP:

Family Support **Behavioral Modification Services Peer Support Services** Individual Placement and Support Services (IPS)

MD:

Psychiatric Medical Assessment Injection Administration Services

Nursing:

Nursing Service Medication Monitoring Injection Administration Service

Staff credentials are determined by the state Office of Credentialing and Privileging in accordance with state, federal, and Medicaid requirements.

SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Needs of special populations are addressed by making requested and needed accommodations to insure full utilization and benefits of outpatient treatment and/or enlisting outside resources to insure access to services.

Examples include

- ASL for the hearing impaired in conjunction with Deaf Services
- Wheelchair accessible facilities
- Bilingual staff, Language Line, and foreign language interpreters
- Specially trained staff to meet the needs of dually diagnosed persons
- Ongoing cultural competence training
- Coordination with other public and private agencies to deliver specialized services for specific disorders/disabilities

INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM APPROACH

The disciplines of counseling, social work, psychology, nursing and psychiatry comprise the interdisciplinary treatment team. Team interaction occurs at a regularly scheduled weekly team meeting to review the intake assessment, diagnosis, treatment needs and goals/objectives of the person served, and the plan of care (POC). During this staff meeting each person accepted for treatment is assigned a primary therapist who provides outpatient services and works closely with the assigned physician to coordinate care.

SERVICE LOCATIONS

Individuals seeking services should contact the clinic in their county of residence

Anderson Mental Health Center 200 McGee Road Anderson, SC 29625 864-260-2220

Oconee Mental Health Clinic 115 Carter Park Road Seneca, SC 29678 864-885-0157

Pickens Mental Health Clinic 337 West Main Street Easley, SC 29640 865-878-6830

Child, Adolescent & Family William E. Pascoe Center* 515 A Camson Road Anderson, SC 29625 864-716-2316

*This center is for Anderson County C&A services; the Pickens and Oconee County satellite clinics provide Child and Adolescent services within their respective clinics.

Anderson County DSS 224 McGee Road Anderson, SC 29625 (864)260-4450

School Mental Health Services are located in the following schools listed by County:

Anderson County

Glenview Middle School 2575 Williamston Road Anderson, SC 29621 (864)716-4060

McCants Middle School 2123 Marchbanks Avenue Anderson, SC 29621 (864)260-5145

Robert Anderson Middle School 2302 Dobbins Road Anderson, SC 29626 (864)716-3890

TL Hanna High School 2600 Hwy 81 North Anderson, SC 29621 (864)260-5110

Westside High School 806 Pearman Dairy Road Anderson, SC 29625 (864)222-3929

Palmetto Middle School 803 N. Hamilton St. Williamston, SC 29697 (864)847-4333

Palmetto High School 804 N. Hamilton St. Williamston, SC 29697 (864)847-7311

Wren Middle School 1010 Wren School Rd. Piedmont, SC 29673 (864)850-5930

Wren High School 905 Wren School Rd. Piedmont, SC 29673 (864)850-5900

LaFrance Elementary School 550 Williams Street Pendleton, SC 29670

(864)403-2300

Townville Elementary School 105 Townville Road Townville, SC 29689 (864) 403-2600

Mount Lebanon Elementary School 2850 Lebanon Road Pendleton, SC 29670 (864)403-2400

Pendleton Elementary School 902 East Queen Street Pendleton, SC 2967 (864)403-2500

Riverside Middle School 458 Riverside Street Pendleton, SC 29670 (864)403-2042

Pendleton High School 7324 South Carolina 187 Anderson, SC 29625 (864)403-2041

Crescent High School 9104 Highway 81 South Iva, SC 29655 Phone: (864) 352-6175

Powdersville Middle School 130 Roe Rd. Greenville, SC 29611 (864) 269-1821

Powdersville High School 145 Hood Road Greenville, SC 29611 (864) 312-5641

Centerville Elementary 1529 Whitehall Road Anderson, SC 29625 (864) 260-5100

Nevitt Forest Elementary School 1401 Bolt Dr. Anderson, SC 2621 (864) 260-5190

Starr-Iva Middle School 1034 Rainey Road Starr, SC 2968 Phone: (864) 352-6146

Whitehall Elementary 702 Whitehall Road Anderson, SC 29625 (864) 260-5255

Palmetto Elementary 1 Roberts Blvd. Williamston, SC 29697 (864) 847-5442

Hunt Meadows Elementary 420 Hunt Road Easley, SC 29642 (864) 850-3987

Oconee County

Seneca High School 100 Bobcat Ridge Seneca, SC 29678 (864) 886-4460

Walhalla High School 4701 SC-11 Walhalla, SC 29691 (864) 886-4490

Walhalla Middle School 151 Razorback Ln Walhalla, SC 29691 (864) 886-4485

Seneca Middle School 810 W South 4th St. Seneca, SC 29678 (864) 886-4455

West Oak High School 130 Warrior Ln Westminster, SC 29693 (864) 886-4530

West Oak Middle School 501 Westminster Hwy Westminster, SC 29693 (864) 886-4525

Pickens County

Gettys Middle School 510 South Pendleton Street Easley, SC 29640 (864)397-3921

Liberty Middle School 125 Falcon Lane Liberty, SC 29657 (864)397-3400

Liberty High School 124 Red Devil Drive Liberty, SC 29657 (864)397-2600

R.C. Edwards Middle School 1157 Madden Bridge Rd. Central, SC 29630 (864) 397-4200

Pickens High School 150 Blue Flame Drive Pickens, SC 29671 (864) 397-3600

Dacusville Middle School 899 Thomas Mill Road Easley, SC 29640 (864) 397-3500

Easley High School 154 Green Wave Boulevard Easley, SC 29642 (864)397-3122

Pickens Middle School 140 Torch Dr. Pickens, SC 29671 (864) 397-4100

Project GO A.R. Lewis Opportunity School 1755 Shady Grove Rd Pickens, SC 29671 (864)397-1300

Daniel High School 140 Blue and Gold Boulevard Central, SC 29630 (864) 397-2900