

1580 Children in Crisis FAQ

1580 legislation creates a mechanism to support children in crisis by forming a state-level team available for escalation when usual coordination is not resolving the barrier.

Who are children in crisis?

Children and youth aged 17 and younger who are:

- At risk of remaining in a hospital without medical necessity, without the ability to return to the care of a parent, and not a dependent of the Department of Children, Youth and Families (DCYF) under chapter 13.34 RCW or staying in a hospital without medical necessity and who is unable to return to the care of a parent but is not dependent under chapter 13.34 RCW; or
- A dependent under chapter 13.34 RCW, experiencing placement instability, and referred to the 1580 team by DCYF.

Who is the 1580 Team?

Representatives from the Office of the Governor (Children and Youth Multisystem Care Project Director), DCYF, Department of Social and Health Services' (DSHS) Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), Health Care Authority (HCA), and Office of Financial Management (OFM). Other entities are engaged as needed to support resolution of individual barriers, such as Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), school districts, advocacy organizations, Developmental Disabilities Ombuds, Managed Care Organizations (MCO), and providers.

Pathways for resolution

How to resolve barriers utilizing the most appropriate resources

- Utilize existing pathways such as field-to-field workflows, regional- level supports, [Youth and Young Adult Housing Response Team \(YYAART\)](#), [Kids Mental Health WA](#) (Youth Behavioral Health Navigator teams), MCOs, and payor care coordination and oversight processes (e.g., Complex Discharge), etc.
- Referrals are screened for the appropriate pathway to support the identified issue.

Care coordination structures

- Each process has its own pathway to engage children/youth, parents, providers, schools, and other natural supports in resolution. The appropriate agency coordinator will outreach based on their usual processes and procedures to support the child's needs (e.g., DCYF caseworker, DDA Case Resource Manager (CRM), MCO care coordinator, Kids Mental Health WA Team, etc.).
- Provide resources and assistance in connecting the child and family with appropriate support and services to resolve the crisis.

- The appropriate coordinator/team may continue facilitation to support return to home/community as appropriate.
- The 1580 team will serve as a liaison between the identified pathways and the original referent.

Escalation pathway available through 1580 Team

Email HCA1580ChildreninCrisis@hca.wa.gov to request a 1580 Referral Form.

Who can submit referrals to the Team?

Referrals may be submitted by many different sources, including a child in crisis, a family of the child, advocate, educator, law enforcement officer, DCYF, DSHS DDA, HCA employee, service provider contracted through DCYF or DSHS DDA, MCO representative, YYAHRT, Kids Mental Health WA team, or a health care provider.

Data Tracking

The Team will gather data and outcomes from referrals to support the development of the final report with recommendations to the legislature by the Governor's office, which is due by November 1, 2024.