

Regional Care Teams – Funding Referral Policy & Procedure

Regional Care Teams are designed to support DOC-involved youth in remaining in their homes and communities. Youth may be referred by a juvenile corrections staff member, other agency staff member, social worker or case manager, or anyone who is working with a transition aged youth (age 14-24) who is at risk of or currently involved with the justice system.

To refer a youth, a referral form must be completed. There is a form for youth who need a full Care Team review and another form to request funds to support a youth's specific need or needs.

Requests for support funds are intended to be one-time, emergency requests that fill a gap not able to be met by other agencies, organizations or programs, with the purpose of helping to support the youth remaining at home and/or in the community.

Requests can include items like a security deposit for housing or a month's rent as long as the investment serves as a bridge to other more regular, sustainable funding.

More than one funding referral per youth is allowable as long as the additional funding meets the general criteria and is clearly in furtherance of keeping the youth in a family and/or community setting.

Each RCT facilitation team has the authority to approve funding requests. Each region's facilitation team will report approved funding referrals out at that region's monthly meeting.

Funding for any one youth may not exceed a total of \$5,000 annually. Exceptions to this limit should be rare and require additional review. A regional team may ask the statewide RCT co-design team for reconsideration of this limit for a particular youth.