

COMMUNITY REHABILITATION SERVICES PROGRAM

DESCRIPTION:

Community Rehabilitation Services (CRS) offers services on a daily basis to individuals living on their own in the community. It is available to people who meet eligibility criteria and are experiencing difficulty managing the impact of their mental illness and maintaining their housing. The goal of the service is to assist individuals in being able to remain a productive member of their community as well as to maintain as much independence in their daily lives as possible. In addition, it can be utilized as a flexible and comprehensive support for people as they leave a hospital or other higher levels of care. CRS blends the components of Community Integration, Daily Living Skills Support and Skill Development into a new, distinct service. Length of service will be determined by individual clinical need.

With these 3 services, a comprehensive package of care is developed and delivered utilizing a team based approach. It offers case management, linkage to other services, advocacy, problem solving, assistance to develop and maintain the skills of daily living, and can include medication administration or monitoring. Also available are skill building activities to assist clients in accessing community resources in order to connect with the natural supports needed to achieve individual goals.

CRS services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week with staff on active duty 12 hours a day and on call the remainder. Staff can interact with clients at scheduled times throughout the day as well as be available on an as needed basis.

Services will require prior approval by APS, the authorized agent of the Department of Health and Human Services who will evaluate the service to determine its appropriateness to meet the clinical and rehabilitation needs of the consumer. A waiver process approved by DHHS personnel is also necessary in some instances. Funding for this program is by the Department of Health and Human Services and MaineCare.

STAFFING:

The Community Rehabilitation Services consists of a coordinator, CRS workers and a Case Manager.

REFERRAL PROCESS:

Information and applications are available through the Shalom Intake and Referral Coordinator at 106 Gilman St. in Portland. They can be reached Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm at 874-1080.

FUNDING:

Funding for this program comes from the Maine Department of Health and Human Services and MaineCare. Full categorical MaineCare is required for this service.