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*“Alone we can do so little; together we  
can do so much.”*

*Helen Keller.*



**Remember:  
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Participation is voluntary  
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## **Service Coordination for Youth**

**How families and caring  
professionals work together  
to promote stabilization,  
improve self-sufficiency,  
enhance the quality of life and  
help reduce stress.**



**What you need to know**

## What is Service Coordination?

- Team based approach for children, families, adults, and senior citizens
- Connects agencies, people and services
- Development of a plan to help organize and facilitate services to work toward a goal
- Strength based planning
- Family participates in plan development
- Participation is voluntary

## What are Service Coordination activities?

- Interview the individual/family
- Determination of family and individual strengths and needs
- Assist in identifying service providers (formal supports) and natural supports to assemble a team
- Arrangement for a team meeting
- Development of a written plan
- Coordination, monitoring or revising services identified on the plan
- Development of a crisis/safety plan

## Eligibility?

- Any Medina County resident 0-21
- Youth engaged in more than two systems (i.e. schools, Job & Family Services, court, system, Board of Developmental Disabilities, mental health etc.)
- Individual system or agency cannot independently address the need
- Inter-disciplinary team is needed to address each family's unique situation

## Consider Service Coordination if.....

- Unaware of the available community services and supports
- Multiple community services and supports may be required
- Emergency services are relied upon for chronic physical and/or mental health issues without success
- Limited or has exhausted family, friend, or community support systems
- Feeling of isolation, alone, or lack of a support system
- Difficulty with daily living skills
- Complicated family dynamics



## What to expect...

- Engagement of family—meeting the facilitator, understanding the process, exploration of family strengths, needs, and culture, and decide who to include on the team.
- Planning—Team meeting to decide what the work is, how the work will be accomplished, and who will be responsible for what. A written plan is developed.
- Plan implementation—Regular team meetings to review accomplishments and progress toward goals, and make adjustments as needed.
- Transition—As the team nears goal completion, preparations are made to move out of Service Coordination and determine how the family will continue to get needed support.