



GRAND PRAIRIE SERVICES  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE

**Screening  
Assessment  
Support  
Services**

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## **Our Mission**

The Mission of Grand Prairie Services is the provision of holistic emotional and behavioral health services for individuals, families and communities of the Southland region with an emphasis on recovery and optimal functioning.

## What is SASS?

Screening, Assessment and Support Services (SASS) provides crisis stabilization and intensive mental health services to children and adolescents. The SASS program provides initial screenings as well as ongoing services to children and adolescents who may need inpatient psychiatric care or who are at risk of removal from their current living environment due to having a severe emotional disturbance.

Services are provided for a maximum of 90 days and are provided in the home, community and in the office.

## Who is eligible?

Any child or youth in a mental health crisis who may need public funding and are referred through CARES.

DCFS wards through the age of 21.  
Unfunded individuals through the age of 17 (until their 18th birthday).

Individuals with Medicaid through the age of 20 (until their 21st birthday).

## What services can SASS provide?

- 24-Hour emergency screenings for psychiatric services
- Comprehensive assessment and treatment recommendations
- Intensive individual and family counseling
- Psychiatric evaluations and medication monitoring
- Care management
- Community advocacy
- Therapeutic stabilization
- Therapeutic summer day program
- Parent education and support groups
- Assistance with Individual Care Grants (ICG) used for residential placement and intensive community services



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## Who can make a referral?

Referrals typically come from the following, but are not limited to: parents, foster parents, case workers, educators, police personnel, hospital staff, religious clergypersons, previous consumers or other youth service agencies.

## How do I make a referral?

To make a referral, contact the CARES line at:

**1-800-345-9049 (Voice)**  
**1-773-523-4504 (TTY)**

CARES stands for Crisis Referral Entry Services.

All new referrals must go through CARES. CARES will screen the call for risk factors to determine if SASS services are warranted, or make referrals to other appropriate area service providers. Once CARES accepts the referral, they will contact the local SASS agency. SASS then has 90 minutes to perform a face-to-face assessment. Services are authorized for 90 days of care.

## Are other services available?

The Specialized Child and Adolescent Services Program can provide other services after the crisis has been resolved.

- Comprehensive Mental Health Services
- Home-based Services
- Special Services to Juvenile Courts and Schools
- In-home Respite Services