

Pregnant Women and Women With Children (PWWC) Funding



Services for Pregnant Women and Women with Dependent Children (PWWC): Idaho's Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant specifies funding levels and services for Pregnant Women and Women with dependent Children (PWWC). Eligibility criteria for funding for women with dependent children is set by IDHW. PWWC funded clients are referred to PWWC Specialty treatment providers where they will receive services designed to assist in minimizing the barriers for woman to engage in treatment as well as address the needs of their children who may have been effected by their mother's use. If there are no specialty PWWC treatment providers in the area then the client will be referred to a "non-specialty" provider.

Providers choosing to join the PWWC Specialty Network agree to provide intensive case management services as they work to coordinate care for women and their children with other service providers, address identified barriers to access to services, and assist women in utilizing and building upon their strengths to treatment outcomes for the entire family. Additionally, they agree to provide and/or link PWWC funded clients and their children to the following services:

1. Primary medical care, including prenatal care for women in treatment.
2. Primary pediatric care for the children of women in treatment, including immunizations.
3. Gender specific alcohol and substance use disorders treatment.
4. Therapeutic interventions for women addressing issues such as relationships, sexual and physical abuse, and parenting.
5. Therapeutic interventions for children in custody of women in treatment to address, among other things, developmental needs, sexual abuse, physical abuse, and neglect.
6. Child care while the women are receiving services.
7. Treating the family as a unit and therefore admit both women and their children into treatment, when appropriate.
8. Case management to assist in establishing eligibility for public assistance programs provided by Federal, State, or local governments, employment, and training programs.
 - a. Education and special education programs.
 - b. Drug-free and safe housing for women and their children.
 - c. Childhood Programs such as Therapeutic day care, Head Start, and other early childhood programs for children.

d. Curriculum that covers sexual harassment training for the clients.

PWWC clients must be given preferential admission status. If the PWWC Specialty provider does not have sufficient capacity to accept the referral, the provider must provide interim services within 48 hours and notify BPA Health so the authorization can be transferred to another provider who can get client into an assessment within required period.