



## Referral Criteria

The Intake Committee will determine whether a referral to the Moving Forward Program will be accepted based on all of the following eligibility criteria (please note participation is voluntary and youth must be advised of referral):

1. The referral source identifies the applicant as:

"A young person between the ages of 16-21 years who has been identified as having complex mental health needs and more than one significant barrier ( e.g. substance abuse, serious/suspected mental illness, skill deficits) whose available options have been exhausted or can not be accessed ".

**\* NOTE: The individual must be eligible under a Youth Service Agreement and be willing to work toward living independently in the community**

**AND**

2. A young person is in need of individualized support due to risk behaviors which necessitate ongoing services and which support systems have failed to reduce thus far:

The youth is at risk due to behaviors which may include:

- Drug/Alcohol use
- Offending behavior
- Anti-social behavior
- Para-suicidal/Suicidal behavior
- Unstable living situation
- Behavior resulting from mental illness which affects quality of life (including inconsistently treated or undiagnosed mental health concerns)

**Signatures are required by both the referral source and their manager/supervisor.**