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# Project Mending



Enhance the quality of life  
for youth and their families by coordinating  
disabilities and behavioral health services



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As a 15-year-old diagnosed with severe behavioral health issues, Justin received services from a boys' home. Although he experiences noticeable developmental delays, his primary diagnosis is a behavioral health issue. This disqualifies him from receiving developmental disabilities funding. At the boys' home, staff struggled to provide supports responsive to Justin's developmental disabilities. Because of his lack of cognitive abilities, traditional behavior plans attempted by the facility and numerous therapeutic foster home placements were ineffective. In fact, Justin spent much of his time in a locked facility, vulnerable to exploitation by fellow residents without developmental disabilities.

Justin is one of several children enjoying supports from Mosaic's **Project Mending**. He now lives with a host family (trained and supported by Mosaic), goes to a public school, makes friends and leads the life of a "normal" teenager.

Mosaic is a Nebraska-based, national nonprofit organization that provides services to people with developmental disabilities. It recognized that Justin's plight was all too common and developed **Project Mending**, tested it and has now deployed it as an open program designed for youth with diagnoses including behavioral health issues and developmental disabilities.



**Project Mending** has proven to be a successful alternative to traditional settings for children with behavioral health issues and developmental disabilities.



The following conditions could qualify a child for Mosaic's **Project Mending**:

- ✘ A mild to moderate mental retardation IQ range that is enough to disqualify the child from a diagnosis of a developmental disability and from Nebraska Medicaid Chapter 392 services
- ▲ Placement outside of the family home
- A level of cognitive functioning that does not meet Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 392 Medicaid Guidelines for Behavioral Health Services
- Living with a co-morbid diagnosis
- ✘ The ability of youth and families to reunite if given the appropriate resources.



Mosaic tailors services to the needs of each individual and his or her family.

Project Mending is a service of Mosaic.

Mosaic provides individualized services, living options, work choices, spiritual nurture and advocacy to people with disabilities across 13 states and several foreign countries through the work of 5,000 employees.

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