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### **TILL, Inc. In-Home Behavioral Services**

The intent of the services TILL provides is to maximize the child's potential and prevent the need for a more restrictive environment. TILL utilizes BCBA, CANs certified clinicians, as well as input from our Strattus Behavioral Health Center Team who have extensive experience in the field of developmental and intellectual disabilities. This enables them to develop professional assessments and evaluations to meet the specific needs of each family. The results are individually tailored programs and services encompassing the most urgent challenges that families experience on both a short and long term basis.

TILL also provides a Safety-Care course by a certified trainer. This training program will be available for identified family members and other care givers age 18 and up, providing skills and interventions needed to reinforce alternative appropriate behaviors while learning to prevent, de-escalate, and manage potentially dangerous situations maximizing the safety of both the child and family members.

TILL assesses the best staff match for the family to work with, utilizing the strengths of the specialist to maximize the families growth potential. TILL feels very strongly that the families are the experts on their children and tries to enhance their abilities by giving functional tools to promote stabilization, maintenance and growth through positive practices. TILL's staff excel at writing up routines that are already in place and developing communication systems for the child and family members that promote continuity of these routines as they change and grow. TILL's staff are trained and excel at searching for the antecedents and consequences (environmental factors) present to analyze how these may be changed to change the behaviors of the child or care giver. TILL's staff assesses the learning curve of the caregiver and tailor the programs to best fit the caregiver's abilities. Savvy caregivers may have a more comprehensive program developed than less savvy caregivers, but the founding principles and concepts behind the plans are always based on positive practices of behavior management and teaching.

TILL does a wonderful job offering both staff and care givers alike training on behavioral principals and individualized teaching procedures which can be utilized by anyone. The ongoing support the resource specialists receive by their supervisor directly reflects their ability to provide sensitive innovative coaching and support to the families they serve.

TILL will have a comprehensive intake procedure for each family it serves. It will ask for consent forms from the family to enable our staff to glean as much information as possible before going out to see the family. This will include but not be limited to; The last three year comprehensive IEP evaluation with any progress reports, psychological evaluations or other pertinent evaluations from professionals, information on prior DCF involvement, or relevant criminal history or other reports/evaluations that may enhance our ability to work with the family. Our objective is to cut down on the redundancy of questions posed to the family and give the clinician more validity when meeting and evaluating the family and child the first time.

Once the assessments are completed and the parents/caregivers have been given some basic training in behavior management, there will be a two week timeline to develop a comprehensive behavioral plan and identify appropriate services for the family. There will be case notes from each visit to the family and behavioral data will be summarized to measure progress on a monthly basis. Progress will be shared with the child's school along with any other professionals working directly with the family.

Billing will occur as services are provided and the administrative staff at TILL will ensure the management and delivery of those services are in a timely basis. The family will have seamless access to TILL's services as long as they are eligible for those services. Resource specialists will have bi-weekly supervision and feedback to promote efficient delivery of services to the families as needed.

TILL has always worked with the entire family. We believe that it is important to build a family's capacity to deal with their child. We believe in utilizing a team approach between the family, TILL staff and the child's school. By doing so, we are creating a service to minimize out of home placement and assure appropriate integration in the home and community. Given the varied population we have worked with TILL is able to offer a wealth of knowledge and expertise to those that we serve and teach people to look at small steps of success along the way to encourage and promote strength based interventions.