**Level of Care Descriptions\***

**Children with Severe Emotional Disorders or Developmental Disabilities**

***\*The following descriptions are to be used as a guideline only and are not intended to be exclusionary or all inclusive***

**Level 1: SED-C1 or DD-C1**

* Meets criteria as a child with a severe emotional disorder or developmental disability
* Natural supports provide for basic needs
* Minimal risk of harm to self or others with natural supports in place
* Needs met by primary outpatient programs such as Medication services, Respite, and/or Outpatient Therapy but may need some B3 Supports Coordination periodically
* 20 or fewer service support contacts needed per year

**Level 2: SED-C2 or DD-C2**

* Meets criteria as a child with a severe emotional disorder or developmental disability
* Child has needs that require ongoing (twice monthly to quarterly) support and coordination
* Child is not enrolled in the HSW or Child Waiver programs
* Specific outcomes that supports are likely to impact regarding improved level of functioning and/or remission of presenting symptoms are identifiable
* Minimal immediate risk of self-harm or harm to others

**Level 3: SED-C3 or DD-C3**

* Meets criteria as a child with a severe emotional disorder or developmental disability
* May require up to 3 times weekly Targeted Case Management support, weekly Community Living Support, monthly psychiatric monitoring and other clinic services
* May be HSW or Child Waiver enrolled

**Level 4: SED-C4 or DD-C4**

* Meets criteria as a child with a severe emotional disorder or developmental disability
* Has medical necessity for intense community based services, such as home-based, specialized residential, MST or wrap-around services
* May be HSW or Child Waiver enrolled
* Symptom severity does not pose immediate risk of harm but risk would be substantially greater if specialty supports were not in place
* Requires multi-disciplinary supports, including intensive Targeted Case Management or HSW Supports Coordination
* Contact as often as needed, typically from two hours per week to daily