What is the Success First Program?

Success First offers preventive wraparound services that are individualized and honor the family’s voices and choices. These services are based on the family’s strengths as team members. Our goal is to keep children in their homes and communities. We bring people together from different parts of the family’s life in order to provide them with a network of support. Our services are creative, culturally inclusive, flexible and action-oriented.

Mental Health Systems is a non-profit agency founded in 1978 to improve the lives of individuals, families and communities facing substance abuse and behavioral health challenges.
How Can Success First Help?
Success First helps children and their families achieve greater success in their homes, communities and schools by developing their strengths and communication skills. We promote an atmosphere of collaboration and shared goals, which in turn promotes a sense of hopefulness in our families. Our team process facilitates family collaboration, as all our team members and community collaborators come together to “wrap” services around the children and their families.

What Are Our Services?
We offer our clients the following services:

- Case management
- Mental health services
- Family focused treatment
- Crisis intervention and planning
- Information and referrals
- Linkages and referrals to other agencies and organizations that serve children
- Support and education
- Support groups
- TBS brief “in-home” support

“I like that it is family oriented and geared to our whole family, not just our child.”
- Program Alumni

How Do We Receive Referrals?
We accept self-referrals, as well as accepting referrals from San Bernardino County, schools, community clinics, private providers, and social workers. All referrals must meet approval by the Eligibility and Enrollment Committee. Please call our office to learn if your child is eligible for services.

Who Do We Serve?
We serve children and youth living in the West Valley of San Bernardino County who currently have or are eligible for a mental health diagnosis. Our young clients also face one of the following challenges – he or she is:

- At risk for out of home placement or has already been removed from the home
- At risk for entering the Juvenile Justice System
- Facing or having substantial impairments in school, including the risk of being suspended or expelled

In addition to these criteria, the children and youth we serve come from low income families and are not eligible for services funded by SB 163 Wraparound.