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| **ITS Program Definition** |

*Mission Statement*: Intensive Treatment Services in New Hampshire provide person-centered assessment, coordination and treatment, necessary to meet the needs of individuals who demonstrate complex, high-risk behaviors, so they may transition to a safer, more fulfilling life by becoming responsible, accountable, and productive citizens. The guiding principles for this service include a focus on Evidence Based Practices, Rehabilitation, Systems Coordination and a Continuum of Care.

*Person Centered Dynamic Risk Management*supports our conviction that individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities who have histories of serious offending behaviors should receive the person centered supports, appropriate levels of supervision and individualized clinical treatment services needed to live fulfilling lives as non-offenders.

**The overall program and treatment focus is to provide individuals with the necessary skills to live a meaningful, productive life and remain offense free, which affords greater opportunity for participants to reach their goals.**

In the service delivery system of the State of New Hampshire, an **“Intensive Treatment Service (ITS) Program”** is defined as follows:

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| “A program that serves individuals with histories of high risk behaviors through a combination of intensive treatment, enhanced supervision, and environmental modifications designed to minimize risk, and provide individualized, state-of-the-art treatment to assist individuals in overcoming their high risk behaviors so they can lead richer and more fulfilling lives as non-offenders.” |

In the service delivery system of the State of New Hampshire, **“High-Risk Behavior”** can include fire setting, problematic sexual behavior and/or offending, and aggression.

It is important to note that not all individuals designated as “High-Risk” are residing in ITS programs. The majority of individuals receiving New Hampshire HCBC waivered services that are designated as “High-Risk” are residing in other community based placements. These may be staffed residences, Enhanced Family Care (adult foster care) homes or, to a lesser extent, in a more independent setting or with family. There are also a small number who are civilly committed, incarcerated or in the New Hampshire State Hospital (NHH).

ITS program capacity and usage is tracked by the Community of Practice, a statewide committee including all ITS Vendor Agencies, all 10 area agencies, BDS, and CSNI. The Community of Practice ensures that the needs of the individuals receiving treatment in ITS programs are best met by that program at that time. The admission process for ITS Programs is described under “*Community of Practice*”.

**ITS is a program model, not at all indicative of a person’s identity. The program model allows for the movement through a system of services dependent on the participant’s individual treatment needs, with the ultimate goals of reducing or eliminating their need for Intensive Treatment Services. There is no such thing as an “ITS Person”.**