

## Parent Testimony

I am a parent of a special needs child. He struggled very much with proper socialization and understanding relationships, knowing and understanding every day emotions. He even experienced an event which involved the police and children services.

With the help of Diakon and their therapists involved in my son's goals, he has flourished, grown and is now on his way to being able to make better choices. He now uses daily coping skills and has a chance at a better life. Diakon has given him information and experiences that he would not have gotten anywhere else. Diakon goes straight to the core of their clients problems and holds nothing back. They are informative, honest, open and always a call or text away no matter what time of day or night. They are there for their clients and go above and beyond what is expected of them.

I was impressed and very happy to be a part of this therapy with my son. I, as a parent, learned some much needed information, communication skills ways of being the mom I need to be for my son. Diakon has many resources, they listen and work with you how ever that situation may look.



For more information, please contact us at one of the locations below.

### Convenient Locations

Diakon Behavioral Health Services –  
Upper Susquehanna  
241 Broad Street, Montoursville, PA 17754  
Phone: (570) 327-4913  
Toll-free: 1-800-395-8237  
Fax: (570) 505-1228

Diakon Behavioral Health Services –  
5000 Ritter Road, Suite 101, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055  
Phone: (717) 795-0330  
Toll-free: 1-866-700-6868  
Fax: (717) 795-0407

Diakon Behavioral Health Services –  
1800 W Market Street, Lewisburg, PA 17837  
Phone: (570) 524-9477  
Toll-free: 1-800-395-8327  
Fax: (570) 505-1228

Diakon Behavioral Health Services –  
163 W Fredrick Street, Lancaster PA 17551  
Phone: (717) 795-0330  
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For more information visit  
[www.diakon.org/BHS](http://www.diakon.org/BHS)  
or call 1-877-Diakon-7

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In response to God's love in Jesus Christ, Diakon will demonstrate God's command to love the neighbor through acts of service.

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# Behavioral Health Services



 **Diakon**  
**BEHAVIORAL**  
**HEALTH SERVICES**

**Family-Based Mental Health Services  
and Family Based Mental Health Services  
for Problematic Sexual Behaviors**

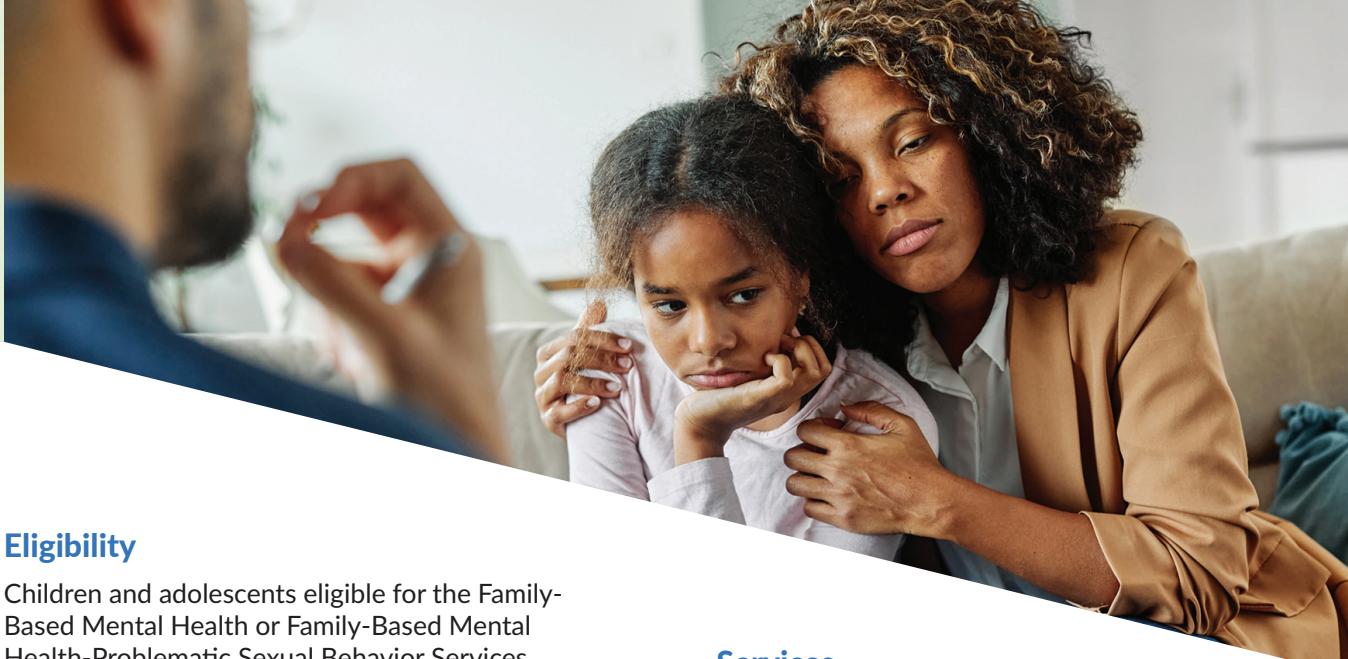
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strongly believes that families possess strengths and abilities to cope with life's challenges. When difficulties occur, families sometimes require assistance from others or outside services. The Family-Based Mental Health Services program provides counseling services to individuals and their families. Services primarily occur in the home but also can extend to the school or community setting.

The goal of Family-Based Mental Health Services is to provide families with skills and resources necessary to prevent their child or adolescent, who is experiencing significant emotional problems, from requiring out-of-home placement.

The Family-Based Mental Health Program also specializes in addressing problematic sexual behaviors.



### Eligibility

Children and adolescents eligible for the Family-Based Mental Health or Family-Based Mental Health-Problematic Sexual Behavior Services program must meet certain criteria, including:

- Be under the age of 22 and enrolled in school.
- Have a psychological diagnosis relating to a serious emotional disturbance.
- Be at risk for out-of-home placement, which could include psychiatric hospitalization, residential treatment or foster care.
- Have one family member agree to treatment, including a child if over the age of 14.
- Have a psychological evaluation recommending Family-Based Mental Health Services. This evaluation could be completed by Diakon Behavioral Health Services, another provider or even a physician.

***Healthy relationships and families are what Diakon Behavioral Health Services is all about.***

### Services

Family-Based Mental Health Services are intensive in-home services lasting approximately 32 weeks.

Families will receive both individual and family therapy in their home. A team of mental health professionals will provide multiple weekly contacts.

Throughout the course of treatment, the team of professionals will assist families in these areas:

- Individual and family therapy
- Case-management services
- Advocacy
- 24-hour crisis management
- Treatment-team meetings
- Family support services
- Support with community activities
- Transition planning prior to discharge
- Problematic sexual behavior (child/adolescent)