

## Severe Emotional Disturbance Criteria

A child with **severe emotional disturbance** means a child who has an **emotional disturbance** (see below) and meets one to the following criteria:

- 1) Admitted within last three years or at risk of being admitted to inpatient treatment or residential treatment
- 2) MN resident receiving inpatient treatment or residential treatment through interstate compact
- 3) Child has one of the following as determined by mental health professional:
  - psychosis or clinical depression
  - risk of harming self or others
  - symptoms resulting from being a victim of physical or sexual abuse or psychic trauma within the past year.
- 4) Child has significantly impaired functioning (home, school, or community) that has lasted at least one year or that in the written opinion of a mental health professional presents risk of lasting at least one year.

**Emotional disturbance:** An organic disorder of the brain or a clinically significant disorder of thought, mood, perception, orientation, memory, or behavior that:

- 1) Is listed in the clinical manual of International Classification of Diseases (ICD-9-CM) code range 290.0 to 302.99 or 306.0 to 316.0 or corresponding code in the American Psychiatric Associations Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
- 2) Seriously limits a child's capacity to function in primary aspects of daily living such as personal relations, living arrangements, work, school, and recreation