

Multisystemic Therapy is an intensive in-home and community-based treatment program that focuses on addressing all of the environmental systems that impact adolescents that are at risk for out of home placement due to behavior and/or involvement with the Department of Juvenile Justice. MST recognizes that each system –homes and families, schools and teachers, neighborhoods and friends- play a critical role in a youths world and require attention in order to bring about effective change and improve the quality of live for youth and their families.

After 30 years of research and 18 studies, MST repeatedly has been shown to:

- Keep kids in their home, reducing out-of-home placements up to 50 percent
- Keep kids in school
- Keep kids out of trouble, reducing re-arrest rates up to 70 percent
- Improve family relations and functioning
- Decrease adolescent psychiatric symptoms
- Decrease adolescent drug and alcohol use

MST is a new program for Beckman. We will begin taking referrals for this program in mid-December 2016 from Abbeville, Greenwood, and Laurens Counties.