

Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) for Children, Teens, and Adults

Aspire Health Alliance's Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) programs are designed for children (ages 9-12), teens (ages 13-18), and adults (age 18+) displaying symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, and/or major personality disorders. Originally developed by Dr. Marsha Linehan for the treatment of suicidal behaviors, DBT is an innovative, compassionate, and evidence-based treatment also proven effective for individuals struggling with emotional dysregulation, impulsivity, and interpersonal communication problems.

The goal of Aspire Health Alliance's DBT programs is to provide clients with the skills to overcome the impulse to selfharm and interact more positively with family, friends, and the community. With a focus on developing mindfulness, interpersonal effectiveness, emotional regulation, and distress tolerance, Dialectical Behavior Therapy's skill-building modules are aimed at preventing hospitalization and the frequent use of emergency psychiatric services.

One-Year Dialectical Behavior Therapy Program for Adults (18+) - Braintree and Marshfield

- Structured Individual Therapy 1 hour per week with a DBT therapist
- Skills Group 1 ½ hours per week
- Coaching Calls 24-hour-a-day phone support for clients in crisis or wishing to talk with a DBT therapist
- Initial diagnostic, medication evaluation, and medication management services if necessary

Six-Twelve Month Dialectical Behavior Therapy Program for Adolescents (ages 13-18) - Braintree and Marshfield

- Structured Individual Therapy 1 hour per week with a DBT therapist
- Skills Group 1 ½ hours per week with a family member or guardian
- Coaching Calls 24-hour-a-day phone support for clients in crisis or wishing to talk with a DBT therapist
- Initial diagnostic, medication evaluation, and medication management services if necessary

Six-Twelve Month Dialectical Behavior Therapy Program for Children (ages 9-12) - Marshfield

- Structured Individual Therapy 1 hour per week with a DBT therapist
- Skills Group 1 ½ hours per week with a family member or guardian
- Coaching Calls 24-hour-a-day phone support for clients in crisis or wishing to talk with a DBT therapist
- Initial diagnostic, medication evaluation, and medication management services if necessary

Aspire Health Alliance's DBT team is extensively trained and credentialed in the methodology and practice of Dialectical Behavior Therapy. They are closely supervised, and in keeping with the true DBT model, all therapists participate weekly in consultation groups that offer peer support.

For more information about DBT, accepted insurance, and the referral process—please call (617) 847-1914.

Celebrating 100 years of service in 2026, Aspire Health Alliance (Aspire) is a private, non-profit behavioral health agency, providing services for children, teens, and adults experiencing serious emotional challenges, behavioral issues, and substance abuse. Our vision is there is no health without mental health. Aspire is a designated Community Behavioral Health Center by the State of Massachusetts.

