

APPLICATION
State Leadership and Management Team

**INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT GRANTS IN PENNSYLVANIA WITH
ASSOCIATION TO THE STATE LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT TEAM**

State Leadership and Management Team Advisory of Grants

PA System of Care Partnership

The purpose of the Pennsylvania System of Care Partnership Expansion and Sustainability Initiative (SOC Partnership) is to improve behavioral health outcomes for children and youth (birth-21) with serious emotional disturbances, and their families. This will be done through the wide-scale operation, expansion, and integration of the System of Care approach through creating sustainable infrastructure and providing evidence based services and supports. In the first year, this approach will be applied in two counties, Crawford and York. The experience of these counties will serve as the basis for guiding other counties in Years 2-4 in a sequential and continuous expansion of Systems of Care in Pennsylvania.

The Pennsylvania System of Care Partnership (SOC Partnership) will build on the work of previous System of Care, and other SAMHSA Grants, to support counties in developing comprehensive Systems of Care for children, youth, and families. A Learning and Support Collaborative will support expansion, and sustainability, in the number of counties as well as in the array of services and supports, including a focus on trauma and early onset of serious illness.

Safe Schools/Healthy Students

OMHSAS has partnered with the Pennsylvania Department of Education on the implementation of the Safe Schools/Healthy Students grant. This grant builds on the development of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) which has been a joint effort of OMHSAS and the Department of Education.

The Pennsylvania Safe Schools/Healthy Students Partnership aims to create safe and supportive schools and communities in 3 Local Education Agencies (LEAs) and their partner Systems of Care counties and ultimately throughout Pennsylvania. The vision is to create a system whereby state and local system partners, education facilities and family and youth partners merge existing frameworks of Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) and Systems of Care (SOC) into one integrated continuum of care.

Healthy Transitions Partnership

The SOC Partnership will collaborate with other systems to assist Transition Age Youth and Young Adults, and their families. The national literature, and the Pennsylvania experience in developing Systems of Care and Healthy Transitions, tells us that an individualized approach, with young adults, families and system representatives working together in a culturally and linguistically competent way, and taking into account the

various life domains of the youth/young adult, is critical to properly plan for their transition to adulthood. An approach that provides an array of individualized supports and services,
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in advance of significant problems, is needed to intervene and prevent significant system(s) involvement and to ensure a seamless transition between the children's and adult systems. The SOC Partnership will work with the partner counties to develop such an approach.

The purpose of the PAHT Partnership is to develop a coordinated and comprehensive approach to the provision of services and supports to address serious mental health conditions, co-occurring disorders, and risks for developing serious mental health conditions among youth 16-25 years old.

Associated Grants with the State Leadership and Management Team, but not under Their Advisory

Suicide Prevention in PA Schools and Colleges

Similarly, the Youth Suicide Prevention grant builds on the Student Assistance Program in schools, a collaboration of the state Education, Behavioral Health, Drug and Alcohol agencies. The SOC Partnership will build on and expand the reach to SOC counties of these multi-agency collaborations.

This grant focuses on implementing suicide prevention (awareness and training) and early intervention (screening and treatment) strategies for youth ages 10-25 across Pennsylvania and is utilizing the existing Student Assistance Program (SAP) infrastructure to increase early detection of youth that may be at risk for suicide.

Pennsylvania Project LAUNCH (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health)

A project of the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Department of Health, and the Office of Child Development and Early Learning with Allegheny County Department of Human Services, funded by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

PA Project Launch is for all children (ages 0-8), their families, and pregnant women to flourish through the benefits of a comprehensive, seamless system of promising and evidence-based approaches that promote physical, behavioral, and emotional well-being, thus enhancing school and life success.

Project LAUNCH's 5 Prevention and Promotion Strategies

- Screening and assessment in a range of child serving settings.
- Integration of behavioral health into primary care settings.
- Mental health consultation in early care and education settings.
- Enhanced home visiting through increased focus on social and emotional well-being.
- Family strengthening and parent skills training

PA Project LAUNCH Goals :

1. Ensure young children at risk for developmental outcomes (especially social emotional) are screened and provided appropriate resources, including referrals.
2. Enhance integration of physical health and behavioral health practices to improve access of care for children birth to 8 years, their families, and pregnant women.
3. Strengthen existing Early Childhood Mental Health consultation and extend services to children birth to 8 years, their families, and pregnant women, integrating into multiple early childhood settings.
4. Promote integrated, evidence-based, high-quality home visiting services that ensure access to those who need it.
5. Ensure families with young children are connected to needed information and services.
6. Create a sustainable infrastructure to promote social emotional and physical wellness for PA children birth to 8 years, their families, and pregnant women.

Community Mental Health Services Block Grant

The Community Mental Health Services Block Grant is the largest single Federal Grant dedicated to improving mental health services systems across the country. As Pennsylvania's mental health services are based in the county mental health systems, 81% of CMHSBG funds are allocated directly to the counties. These funds are non-categorical and CMHSBG funding may be used to provide a wide spectrum of community based mental health services to individuals with Severe Mental Illness or children with Serious Emotional Disturbance. Funds may also be utilized to improve the mental health system including providing the startup costs for a new services or funding trainings to enhance the mental health workforce.

Ten percent of the CMHSBG must be set aside to address Early Serious Mental Illness. Pennsylvania is utilizing the 10% set aside to fund ten First Episode Psychosis Programs across the state. Pennsylvania has identified eight additional priorities for CMHSG Funding:

1. Supportive Housing
2. Services to Older Adults
3. Peer Support Services
4. Olmstead Planning
5. Reduction of Residential Treatment Facility Usage
6. Youth and Family Involvement
7. Prevention- Early Childhood Mental Health Services
8. Suicide Prevention

The remaining 9% of the grant is managed directly by OMHSAS and is utilized for administrative costs related to the grant (maximum of 5%) and for statewide or regional special projects and training.

Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)

SAMHSA's PATH program is a national formula grant authorized by the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Amendments Act of 1990. The goal of the PATH Program is to reduce or eliminate homelessness for individuals with serious mental illnesses, or

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serious mental illness and substance use disorders, who also experience homelessness or are at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

PA's PATH grant is administered through OMHSAS. The State allocates funds to 24 counties/joiners, who then subcontract with 37 providers across the State to provide PATH services in 36 PA counties. PATH funds are used to provide a menu of allowable services, which pivot on street outreach, case management, and services which are not supported by mainstream services and/or behavioral health programs. Each program chooses specific services to provide based on area needs.

PATH's broader definitions of homelessness/imminent risk of homelessness are major differentiating factors from programs sponsored by HUD, SSA and even educational facilities. PATH's broader view allows funds to be used for populations typically excluded by other funding streams. SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR) is a complimentary SAMHSA initiative that shares the same broader definitions and can be used to help similar populations obtain SSI/SSDI benefits more quickly. PATH providers are highly encouraged to incorporate use of SOAR into their PATH work.