

PA System of Care Partnership

“A System of Care approach provides an organizational framework and philosophy that result in a spectrum of effective, community-based services and supports for youth with complex behavioral health challenges, multi-system involvement and their families. These services and supports are organized into a coordinated network, build meaningful partnerships with families and youth, and address their cultural and linguistic needs in order to help them function better at home, in school, in the community and throughout life (Stroul, B., 2011).” Systems of Care have been proven effective for youth with complex behavioral health challenges, multi-system involvement and their families.

What are the SOC Standards?

- Equal partnership on leadership teams
- Youth driven
- Family driven
- Integration of child-serving systems
- Valuing natural and community supports
- Assuring cultural and linguistic competence
- Youth & Family Services & Supports Planning Process
- Evaluation and continuous quality improvement

Vision

Every youth and family in Pennsylvania will be able to access and navigate a unified network of effective services and supports that are structured in adherence to System of Care Values and Principles.

Mission

The youth, family, and system leaders of Pennsylvania will work as equal and trusted partners in creating sustainable change which will empower youth, families, and all youth serving systems to be responsible and accountable for outcomes that lead to the fulfillment of hopes and dreams.

So, how does it work?

At the county level, youth, family leaders and system partners, in equal partnership, assess their county's strengths and challenges against the defined System of Care standards. Together, they establish priorities for improvement and establish action plans to achieve their goals. System of Care staff are available to provide each county with training, technical assistance, support and evaluation based on their unique needs.

At the state level, youth and family leaders in equal partnership with system leaders oversee all county level activities and tackle prioritized challenges that many counties face such as financing, policy development, regulatory barriers, strategic issues and resource issues that stand in the way of true system reform.

Who makes this happen?

- State Leadership & Management Team
- County Leadership Teams consisting of youth, family and system partners
- PA System of Care Partnership staff
- PA Families, Inc.
- Youth & Family Training Institute

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