Coordinated, Flexible, Effective, and Trauma-Informed

Comprehensive Spectrum of Services

System of Care (SOC) is a comprehensive spectrum of effective services and supports for children, youth, and young adults with or at risk for mental health or other challenges and their families that is organized into a coordinated network of care, builds meaningful partnerships with families and youth, and is culturally and linguistically responsive in order to help them to thrive at home, in school, in the community, and throughout life. A system of care incorporates mental health promotion, prevention, early identification, and early intervention in addition to treatment to address the needs of all children, youth, and young adults. *(Stroul, B.A., Blau, G.M., & Larsen, J. (2021). The Evolution of the System of Care Approach. Baltimore: The Institute for Innovation and Implementation, School of Social Work, University of Maryland.)*

Partnership

SOC Team includes, but are not limited to, the child/youth/young adult identified as needing services, family members and natural supports, family/youth organizations, Department of Mental Health- Division of Behavioral Health, Division of Developmental Disabilities, Department of Health and Senior Services, public health providers, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, child educators, school personnel, Department of Social Services- Division of Youth Services, Children's Division, Family Support, and juvenile justice partners. Referrals for SOC are coordinated at the local level and are made by contacting the SOC Chair for that county.

Core Values

- Family and Youth Driven
- Community Based
- Culturally and Linguistically Competent/Responsive

Guiding Principles

- Comprehensive Array of Services and Supports
- Least Restrictive Natural Environment
- Health-Mental Health Integration
- Individualized, Strengths- Based Services and Supports
- Partnerships with Families and Youth
- Developmentally Appropriate Services and Supports
- Evidence-Based Practices
- Interagency Collaboration
- Public Health Approach
- Trauma-Informed
- Care Coordination
- Mental Health Equity
- Data Driven and Accountability
- Rights Protection and Advocacy