

California's Children and Youths'
System of Care: An Agenda to Transform
Promises Into Practice

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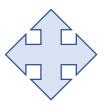
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The Four Elements of System Reform

Full & Equal Access

Leadership, Engagement & Accountability



Coordinated Services & Resources

Effective,
HighQuality
Care

Full & Equal Access

- 1. It's Humane: We want to provide care to children and families in need.
- 2. It's Fair: everyone should get individually appropriate care
- 3. Avoid Harm: Unmet mental health needs cause failure in every child-serving systems
- 4. Achieve Potential: Every Child deserves the opportunity to become an independent adult who fully participates in society
- 5. We Promised
- 6. It's the Law

Coordinated Services & Resources

- 1. Shared Responsibility: Children are clients of many systems or agencies
- 2. Better Outcomes: Uncoordinated activities create service duplication and gaps, wastes resources and results in poor outcomes
- 3. A System of Care is Required to effectively serve children and youth with complex needs
- 4. Children Come First: systems must be designed to meet youth and families' needs, not than needs of agencies created to serve them

Effective, High-Quality Care

- 1. To Avoid Harm: Ineffective services can be harmful
- 2. Improved Outcomes: require effective treatment and interventions
- **3. Promote Efficiency**: Ineffective care wastes scarce resources and alienates clients and providers
- 4. Because We Can: children and youth deserve high quality care
- 5. It's a professional *Ethical Obligation*

Leadership, Engagement & Accountability

- 1. Change Requires Effective Leadership: Our existing approach doesn't address the needs, hopes, and goals of youth and families
- 2. Inadequate Oversight over billions in spending means little accountability for client satisfaction or outcomes
- 3. Proactive Collaboration is Essential to managing a multi-agency service system: it cannot run on autopilot
- 4. Stakeholder Engagement improves public support and accountability



- Fulfill Our Promises
- Identify Needs
- Allocate Funds Equitably to Ensure Equal Access to Care
- Close Gaps in Coverage

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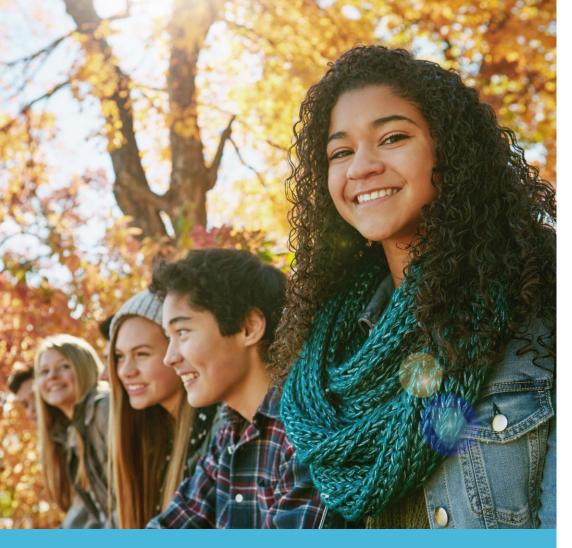
- ✓ One Child, One Plan
- ✓ Funds and Resources Must Follow the Child
- ✓ Use a Shared Wraparound Practice Model for All Multi-System Involved Youth
- ✓ Develop a Collaborative, Culturally Competent, Workforce That Practices Cross-System Teaming

Effective, High-Quality Care

- Close the Science-Practice Gap
- Measure, Assess, Report, Improve. Repeat!
- State Funding for Core Functionality of the Performance and Quality Improvement System
- Quality Improvement Must Become Embedded in Routine Practice and Decision-Making

Leadership, Engagement & Accountability

- ✓ Build a Sustainable Stakeholder Coalition
- ✓ State and County Alignment & Leadership
 Is Needed to Support a Truly Collaborative
 System of Care
- ✓ Leaders and Managers Must Set Clear, Accountable, Data-Driven, Short and Long Term Goals
- ✓ Broaden the Focus and Reach of Children and Youths' Mental Health Policy



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