

CONTEXT FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Levels of Focus / Population:

The target population will be all children and youth up to age 22 in need of mental health and/or substance abuse services, and their families.

- Number of children under age 18 in Oklahoma: 910,660 (27% of Oklahoma's population)
- About 10% of Oklahoma youth have a mental health disorder.
- About 10% of Oklahoma youth have a substance abuse disorder.
- In 2008, 58,412 youth received at least one behavioral health service (60-62% of the cost was for males)
- Oklahoma experiences a substantial drop in Medicaid-compensated services at age 18.

Infrastructure:

Oklahoma's System of Care (SOC) is a comprehensive spectrum of mental health and other support services which are organized into a coordinated network to meet the multiple and changing needs of children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbance, substance abuse or co-occurring issues, and their families. The purpose is to improve the lives of children and families while upholding the values and principles of SOC and to guide the development of the SOC process throughout the state of Oklahoma. This involves the cooperation of everyone who has a role serving a child with an emotional/behavioral disorder and/or substance abuse, including family members, advocates, educators, mental health workers, service delivery partners, social services, health services, the juvenile justice system, and community and recreational agencies.

Oklahoma has established Systems of Care communities in forty (40) counties with expansion efforts in place to expand SOC to all seventy-seven (77) counties within Oklahoma in the next six (6) years.

Partnerships:

Partnerships are the life-line for support to Oklahoma children and families. The following partners are vital to Oklahoma's success in serving children:

Child-Service State Agencies

OK Dept of MH & SA (ODMHSAS)
OK Dept of Human Services (DHS)
OK Department of Health (OSDH)
Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA)
OK Dept of Education (OSDE)

OK Healthcare Authority (OHCA)
OK Dept of Rehabilitation Services (DRS)
OK Commission on Children & Youth (OCCY)
OK Institute for Child Advocacy (OICA)
OK Association for Infant Mental Health

Various Other Partners & Coalitions

37 Federally Recognized Tribal Nations
All Host Agencies
Area Prevention
APRC sites / Youth Groups
Chambers of Commerce
Community Coalitions
Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC)
Community Service Council – Tulsa
Continuum of Care (CoC)
Department of Corrections (DOC)
Family Advocacy Groups

Families and Youth
Foundations
Indian Healthcare Resource Center
Juvenile & Family Drug Court Teams/Judges
Mental Health Association of Tulsa (MHAT)
OK Federation of Families (OFF)
OK House of Representatives & Senate
Social Marketing Entities
Transitional Programs
Treatment Providers
Turning Point
Youth & Family Services

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