



Our Children Our Future

ALLEN COUNTY SYSTEM OF CARE

Orientation Manual

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* This manual is to provide information for those who may choose to become members of Our Children Our Future.

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WHAT IS SYSTEM OF CARE?

SAMHSA awarded Indiana a 4-year federal implementation grant on September 30, 2014, to assist the state in implementing its statewide System of Care expansion strategic plan.

Systems of Care is a coalition of stakeholders, gathered together with various initiatives and roles within groups we refer to as “Local Systems of Care”. Working together with these collaborative groups, our state System of Care is developing a network to strengthen our local and state systems and our relationship between the two. Within each System of Care, we are using a strength and value based systemic philosophy and framework that promotes collaboration between agencies, families, and youth for the purpose of improving access and expanding the array of coordinated, community-based, culturally and linguistically competent resources, services and supports for *all kids and their families*.

System of Care expansion plan areas of focus:

Collaboration - Child serving agencies and stakeholders build relationships around a shared vision.

Values - System of Care values are infused throughout the state and local systems.

Services and supports - All children, youth and young adults have access in their communities to effective and appropriate services and supports to promote positive mental health and address related needs.

Workforce - Indiana has a well-staffed workforce that is competent and trained in their own disciplines.

Finance - Partners in the system creatively braid and blend funding from multiple sources and stakeholders to provide the most effective, appropriate and comprehensive system for all children regardless of payer.

Social marketing - Raise awareness and change behavior and public perception around mental health and related needs.

Local governance - Effective, dynamic and sustainable local partnerships are developed that include shared responsibility for local system of care creation, implementation and evaluation so that every child, youth and young adult has access to the services and supports they need.

System of Care expansion goals:

The local and regional community takes responsibility for building a comprehensive system that leads to sustainable success for youth and families. Indiana's System of Care (IN-SOC) is characterized by

- Respect, compassion and values throughout the system.
- Efforts to be responsive and tailor effective services and supports to the unique, whole person.
- Services and supports are created and maintained based upon community data by multiple, varied stakeholders who work in committed, visible partnerships characterized by honest communication, a shared philosophy and approach and shared resources.

- The community recognizes that stakeholders responsible for the creation and maintenance of the system include youth and families.
- A community-based infrastructure plans, coordinates, implements and sustains the system through accountability, evaluation and quality assurance.

A System of Care engages families and youth in partnership with public and private organizations to design services and supports that are effective, that build on the strengths of individuals, and that address each person's cultural and linguistic needs. A system of care helps children, youth, and families function better at home, in school, in the community, and throughout life. System of Care is a philosophy, a way of providing supports and services for families of children and youth.

SYSTEM OF CARE VALUES:

- Family Driven
- Youth Guided
- Trauma Informed
- Collaborative
- Community-Based
- Individualized
- Strengths Based
- Culturally Relevant

OUR CHILDREN OUR FUTURE MISSION/VISION:

Our Children Our Future is a collaborative community-based network focused on increasing access to services and resources which improve emotional, behavioral, and social wellness for individuals, youth and families.

OUR CHILDREN OUR FUTURE ELEVATOR SPEECH:

Did you know that Allen County, Indiana, has over 1,200 Children in Need of Services (CHINS) and nearly 900 youth in an out of home replacement? Those numbers clearly show there is a need for extensive services for youth and their families in this area. “Our Children Our Future” is a System of Care in Allen County that was developed to meet the needs of youth and their families. A System of Care is a partnership of agencies and other concerned people who band together for the purpose of improving access to community-based and culturally competent supports as well as targeted services for children and families with emotional, behavioral or physical needs. The ultimate goal of the System of Care is to help youth and families function better at home, at school, and in the community. To increase the effectiveness of any System of Care, and in particular, “Our Children Our Future”, it’s important to increase the participation of community stakeholders. Our System of Care has been in service for over eight years and has several consistent members (including Probation, DCS, several school systems and various community providers) and meets once monthly at 9:30 a.m. at The Lutheran Foundation. (3024 Fairfield Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46807). If you have any interest, please consider coming to the next meeting or inviting someone you think would be interested.

- There is a continual and growing need for interconnected service providers to aid youth and their families.

CURRENT ALLIANCES:

- Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI)
- Community Health Improvement Plan for Children (CHIP)
- Regional Mental Health Coalition
- Early Childhood Coalition

CURRENT SUBCOMMITTEES:

- Access Initiative
- Resource Fair and Family Fun Night
- Membership
- Diversity
- Stigma
- Youth & Family Advisory Committee

WHO SHOULD JOIN?

In our local System of Care, we strive for representation from multiple entities, including, but not limited to:

- School systems in Allen County
- Mental health providers
- Juvenile Probation
- Courts
- Law enforcement
- Department of Child Services
- Advocacy agencies
- Health care providers
- Faith-based entities
- *Youth
- *Family members

* It is essential to have representation by youth and family members who are or have been consumers of mental health and other youth serving agencies. The youth and family member perspective is vital to understanding and representing their needs within the local community.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF MEMBERS?

- Collaboration with other local youth and family serving entities
- Regular attendance and participating
- Participation in sub-committees.
- Sign-in on our confidentiality attendance form
- Spread the word. Let others know about the System of Care in Allen County and the work that is being done.

OUR CHILDREN OUR FUTURE MEMBERS:

Allen County CASA.....	260.449.7190
Allen County Drug & Alcohol Consortium.....	260.422.8412
Allen County Jail Chaplaincy.....	260.449.7215
Allen County Juvenile Probation / JDAI.....	260.449.7100
Allen County Superior Court.....	260.449.4027
Amani Family Services.....	260.484.1414
About Special Kids.....	317.257.8683
Associated Churches/The Landing.....	260.205.9241
Autism Society of Indiana.....	800.609.8449
AWS Foundation.....	260.222.5005
Beloved: Not Forgotten.....	574.265.0962
Big Brothers Big Sisters.....	260.456.1600
Blackhawk Christian School.....	260.493.7400
Bowen Center.....	260.471.3500
Boys and Girls Club.....	260.744.0998
BrickHouse Family Ministries.....	260.824.4774
Brightpoint.....	260.246.3329
Bring It-Push It-Own It.....	260.615.8934
Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.....	260.484.9560
Caring About People.....	260.424.5814
Catholic Charities.....	260.422.5625
Center for Behavioral Health.....	260.420.6010
Center for Neurobehavioral Services.....	260.471.2300
Center for Nonviolence.....	260.456.4112
Children's Health Collaborative	
Choices Coordinated Care Solutions, Inc.....	317.726.2121
Chosen Generation LLC	
Community Foundation.....	260.426.4083
Community Harvest Food Bank.....	260.447.3696
Crossroad Child & Family Services, Inc.....	260.484.4153
Department of Child Services.....	260.458.6100

Department of Education.....	317.232.6610
Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA)	
Dockside Services.....	260.203.9185
Early Childhood Alliance.....	260.745.2501
East Allen County Schools.....	260.446.0100
Easter Seals ARC.....	260.456.4534
Erin’s House for Grieving Children.....	260.423.2466
Family Voices.....	844.323.4636
Fort Wayne Center for Learning.....	260.469.3925
Fort Wayne Community Schools.....	260.467.1000
Fort Wayne Health Department.....	260.449.7561
Fort Wayne Police Department.....	260.427.1222
Fort Wayne Urban League.....	260.745.3100
Fostering Hope for Children.....	260.403.8444
Gateway Woods.....	260.627.2159
Gi Gi’s Playhouse.....	260.482.7529
Giving Teens Grace.....	260.615.9164
Great KIDS make Great COMMUNITIES.....	260.449.7272
Growing Minds LLC.....	260.206.6098
Headwaters Counseling.....	260.744.4326
ICAN & Payton's Place.....	260.487.4226
Indiana Tech.....	260.422.5561
Indiana Youth Institute.....	317.396.2700
Indiana Youth Services Association Inc.....	317.238.6955
Insource.....	260.739.1857
Ivy Tech.....	260.482.9171
Jennifer’s Harbor.....	260.443.2103
Joshua’s Hand, Inc.....	260.745.5676
KB Search Team.....	260.489.3350
LEARN Resource Center.....	260.749.9516
Lexi’s Voice	
Love Church Ministries.....	260.422.8961
Lutheran Hospital.....	260.435.7001
Lutheran Social Services of Indiana.....	260.426.3347

Made Strong Ministries.....	260.222.8025
Matthew 25 Health & Dental Clinics.....	260.469.0468
McMillen Health.....	260.456.4511
Mental Health America of Northeast Indiana.....	260.422.6441
Meridian Health Services.....	260.436.0932
Mind Cap.....	260.271.4650
Martin Luther King Montessori School.....	260.423.4333
Mustard Seed.....	260.471.5802
NAMI Fort Wayne.....	260.447.8990
Park Center.....	260.481.2700
Parkview.....	260.373.4000
Parkview Behavioral Health.....	260.373.7500
Parkview Pediatric Outpatient Rehab.....	260.373.7925
Parkview School Health.....	260.467.7260
Partnership for Early Learners.....	317.636.9197
Phoenix Associates.....	260.424.0411
Phoenix Institute Inc.....	260.739.7904
Purdue University Fort Wayne.....	260.481.4739
Queens Literature & Arts	
ResCare Youth Services.....	260.485.0870
Respect Team.....	260.409.0800
Road to Recovery.....	260.422.0223
Safe Families for Children.....	260.437.3348
SAFY.....	260.484.4600
SCAN.....	800.752.7116
Sky Point Social Services.....	260.492.9334
Southwest Allen County Schools.....	260.431.2000
STAR Care Services.....	260.702.0925
St. Joe Hospital.....	260.425.3000
St. John Lutheran Church.....	260.426.5751
STOP Suicide of Northeast Indiana.....	260.422.6441
Super Shots Inc.....	260.424.7468
The Center for Empathy.....	260.492.5602
The League.....	260.441.0551

The Lighthouse.....	260.255.6413
The Lutheran Foundation.....	260.458.2112
The Lutheran Schools Partnership.....	260.203.4500
The Rescue Mission.....	260.426.7357
The Summit.....	260.446.3200
Timothy L. Johnson Academy.....	260.441.8727
Tobacco Free Allen County.....	260.760.7555
Trinity United Methodist Church.....	260.422.7924
Turnstone Center for Children and Adults with Disabilities.....	260.483.2100
Unity Performing Arts.....	260.481.6719
University of Saint Francis.....	260.399.7700
Vernon Health & Rehabilitation.....	260.563.8438
Vincent Village.....	260.456.4172
Visiting Nurse.....	260.435.3222
Wellspring Interfaith Social Services.....	260.422.6618
White's Residential & Family Services.....	260.484.6500
Whittington Homes & Services.....	260.745.9431
Woodburn Christian Children's Home.....	260.632.5551
YMCA of Greater Fort Wayne	
Youth Service Bureau/SOCAP.....	260.449.7511
YWCA Northeast Indiana.....	260.424.4908
Zion Lutheran Church.....	260.744.1389

WHAT IS WRAPAROUND AND HOW DOES IT RELATE TO SOC?

Wraparound is a process by which the System of Care philosophy and core values are delivered to families. It includes the following:

- Planning process to create Plan of Care which includes family story, family vision, team mission, functional strengths of all team members, underlying needs of youth and family, objections, interventions, and crisis plan.
- Family driven and youth guided process.
- Monthly family team meetings that include youth, family, natural supports, and formal supports.

*** The goal of wraparound is to support the parent and youth and help them to become capable of overseeing their needs and to have their own team of supports.

Allen County wraparound programs:

The Community Mental Health Wraparound (CMHW) and Community Mental Health Initiative (CMHI) programs are designed to provide youth, with serious emotional disturbances (SED) with intensive, home and community based wraparound services. These programs are intended to supplement the youth's current services by using an individualized, family driven, and strengths-based approach. Clients who are approved for these programs will receive a Wraparound Facilitator and could also receive a Habilitation Specialist, Training & Support for Unpaid Caregivers and Respite. Those clients in the CMHI program may also be eligible for additional services such as medication management and therapy services.

Qualifying Criteria:

To qualify for CMHW children must

- Be eligible for Medicaid
- Be between the ages of 6-17
- Have at least two qualifying mental health diagnoses
- Have a qualifying score on the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths Assessment

To qualify for CMHI children must

- Be between the ages of 6-17
- Have no open DCS or Probation case
- Have at least two qualifying mental health diagnoses
- Have a qualifying score on the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths Assessment

Applying:

CMHW applicants may contact the Allen County Access Site Coordinator at Crossroad Child & Family Services, Inc. at 260-496-5985. CMHI applicants may call the CMHI pre-screen phone line at Park Center 260-481-2703.

COMMON TERMS AND ACRONYMS:

ACJC- the Allen County Juvenile Detention Center

BDDS – Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services – a child qualifies for this program if they cannot live independently/housing is staffed 24/7. The Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services (BDDS) provides services for individuals with developmental disabilities that enable them to live as independently as possible in their communities. BDDS assists individuals in receiving community supports and residential services using a person-centered plan to help determine which services are needed and who can best provide them. BDDS also monitors the quality of care and the facilities of those who are approved to provide these services in Indiana.

CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocate, a community volunteer trained to advocate for the child’s needs and best interest

CPS – Child Protective Services, the investigating division of the Department of Child Services

CFTM – Child and Family Team Meeting, a tool of DCS’ to engage parents and their support network in the decisions of the case

CHINS – Child in Need of Services, the abuse and/or neglect case regarding a child’s placement and custody

CMHI- Children Mental Health Initiative program, intensive home and community-based wraparound services for youth and families without funding.

CMHW- Children’s Mental Health Wraparound program, services provide youth, with serious emotional disturbances (SED) with intensive, home and community based wraparound services that will be provided within a System of Care (SOC) philosophy and consistent with Wraparound principles.

DCS – Department of Child Services

DOC – Department of Corrections

FCM - Family Case Manager at DCS

FP – Foster parents

GAL or Guardian ad Litem – an attorney that is appointed by the court who represents and advocates for a child’s needs and best interest

Home-Based- a service provided to parents designed to assist them with their daily goals; home based therapy provided by more highly educated person to direct therapy to parents and sometimes others; and, home based counseling, which provides a worker to help parent access community resources, advice on job, housing, etc.

IOP – Intensive Out-patient Drug program, a service that they court may order for parents

IEP – individual education plan, a requested assessment and program for children with specialized educational needs

JDAI- Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, comprehensive strategy developed by the Annie E. Casey Foundation to address the overuse of secure detention. Two decades of implementation of JDAI have demonstrated that detention admissions can be reduced without compromising public safety.

Magistrate – a judicial officer who is appointed by the elected judge to hear cases; may be addressed as Magistrate or Judge

Mediation – a process in which a mediator works with all parties to reach an agreement

Permanency Plan – the plan ordered by the court regarding the child’s status for the future; except for certain cases, all permanency plans are reunification with parents; plans are addressed at one year (Reunification with parents, APPLA – another planned permanency living arrangement - for youth transitioning out of foster care, GU – guardianship with relatives or other caregivers, AD – adoption)

PO – Probation Officer

OCOF- Our Children Our Future, the Allen County System of Care

SOC- System of Care

TFC – Therapeutic Foster Care, in which additional services and supports are made available to foster parents and child at higher rates of reimbursement

TPR – Termination of Parental Rights, the case filed by DCS if parents have been unsuccessful in the completion of services ordered under a CHINS; the result of a TPR will be severing of the legal connection of the parent and child