

Goals, Values and Population of Focus

The state of Louisiana is undertaking the development of a statewide coordinated system of care (CSoC) for Louisiana's at risk children and youth with significant behavioral health challenges or co-occurring disorders. The CSoC project is an initiative of Governor Jindal and is being led by executives of the Office of Juvenile Justice, the Department of Social Service, the Department of Health and Hospitals, and the Department of Education.

The initiative is directed and overseen by the CSoC Leadership Team composed of highest level agency executives and stakeholder leaders. The planning for the system design and development work of the initiative is being conducted by the Planning Group. The Planning Group is composed of agency key staff and external stakeholders, including family members, advocates, and providers. Additional workgroups to further engage stakeholders are being formed to ensure broad participation in all aspects of system design. CSoC implementation is anticipated for early 2011.

In a recent planning retreat, over forty agency and stakeholder leaders agreed as follows on the goals, values and population of focus for the Coordinated System of Care.

Values and Principles:

- Family-driven and youth-guided
- Home and community based
- Strength-based and individualized
- Culturally and linguistically competent
- Integrated across systems
- Connected to natural helping networks
- Data-driven, outcomes oriented

Population of Focus:

Louisiana's Coordinated System of Care will initially serve children and youth that have significant behavioral health challenges or co-occurring disorders that are in or at imminent risk of out of home placement. Out of home placements are defined as the following

- Detention
- Secure Care facilities
- Psychiatric hospitals
- Residential treatment facilities
- Development disabilities facilities
- Addiction facilities
- Alternative schools
- Homeless as identified by DOE
- Foster care

Goals of System of Care Implementation include

- Reduction in the current number and future admissions of children and youth with significant behavioral health challenges or co-occurring disorders in out of home placements
- Reduction of the state's cost of providing services by leveraging Medicaid and other funding sources as well as increasing service effectiveness and efficiency and reducing duplication across agencies
- Improving the overall outcomes of these children and their caretakers being served by the coordinated system of care