

CHILDREN'S SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL ISSUE BRIEF (CSAC)

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Purpose:	For the Children's System Advisory Council (CSAC) and other statewide agency children's policy advisory groups to establish a communication path to the Governor's statewide System of Care Advisory Council (SOCAC) related to overlapping areas of concern or interest that both groups are working on.
Background	<p>The Children's System Advisory Council (CSAC) was formed in 2005 to advise the Oregon Health Authority around children's System of Care from a cross- systems agency perspective. In 2010, the Council was also given a statutory role to oversee the Statewide System of Care Pilot project, which eventually resulted in Oregon's current Statewide Wraparound Initiative.</p> <p>The membership of the CSAC includes cross systems agency representatives, advocate/communityservice organizations, primary healthcare, and at least 51% representation of family and youth members with experience in Oregon's behavioral health, education, child welfare, developmental disabilities and juvenile corrections programs. It is focused on the behavioral health needs of children/youth/young adults and their families as they need or interact with systems, services and supports.</p> <p>Over the years in which CSAC has been active as a statutory mandated Council, their work has been to provide oversight of children's mental health system planning, coordination, policy development, fiscal development and evaluation of service delivery/functioning. CSAC 's relationship with two advisory groups: 1) the Oregon Consumer Advisory Council in order to have a continuity of care across the adult lifespan and 2) AMHPAC that advises on the federal Mental Health and Substance Abuse Block Grants.</p> <p>With the passage of SB 1 in 2019 CSAC's statutory role had become unclear as the Governor's statewide SOCAC had been formed. This issue brief is intended to bring CSAC into a formal relationship with the statewide SOCAC around areas related to the children's System of Care that may be of mutual benefit and concern.</p>
Recommendation	The CSAC recommends the following actions to reinforce its relationship to the work of statewide systems of care in Oregon, and to fulfill its role in an advisory capacity to the existing cross-systems focused statewide SOCAC.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the statewide SOCAC provide an intentional behavioral health and wellness communication pathway, and regular reporting (at least quarterly) to CSAC around system of care related policy development, planning, fiscal development, coordination across systems and evaluation of SOC service delivery and functioning. 2. The statewide SOCAC ensure representation of at least one member of the statewide SOCAC to be a member of CSAC. 3. That the CSAC members are considered as a group of potential members for the statewide SOCAC for involvement on subcommittees and workgroups associated with the statewide SOCAC. 4. That the statewide SOCAC offer the ability of other state level systems advisory councils to also have a similar role and relationship as what is being proposed for CSAC. These groups include: Statewide Advisory Council on Special Education (Education program area), State Child Welfare Advisory Council – (Child Welfare/Foster Care program area), Children’s Statewide Advisory Group – (I/DD program area) and the Family Advisory Councils, State Interagency Coordinating Council (Early Childhood) and groups such as those on this list related to Children’s System of Care. 5. Develop alternative, meaningful and connected ways of engagement and feedback from youth, young adults, and families who are involved in the SOC service delivery and share their experiences. The desire is to have holistic ways to provide voice which is integrated into work of the statewide SOCAC. 6. Youth, young adults and families are offered stipends for their participation in providing feedback to the statewide SOCAC and are given support to prepare them for these meetings, are supported through the process of sharing, and after the meeting.
References	<p>CSAC Bylaws – Revised 2018 - https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/BH-Child-Family/Documents/CSAC%20Bylaws.pdf</p>