

Tri-County System of Care

Working Together

The Tri-County System of Care, along with families and youth, includes nearly 40 diverse organizations across the region — representing a robust, cross-sector partnership.

The Blueprint Foundation
CareOregon
CASA for Children
Cascadia Behavioral Health
Catholic Community Services
Early Learning HUB
GLSEN Oregon
Hacienda Community Development Corporation
Health Share of Oregon
Hillsboro School District
Latino Network
Legacy Health
Lifeworks NW
Molalla River School District
Morrison Child and Family Services
NAMI Multnomah
New Avenues for Youth
Oregon Family Support Network
Oregon Judicial Department
Portland Public Schools
Trillium Community Health Plan
Trillium Family Services
United Way
Youth ERA
Youth Villages

We also work with the following Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington County departments and programs:

- Behavioral Health
- Circuit Court
- Developmental Disabilities
- ODHS
- Juvenile Justice
- Outpatient Clinic
- Peer Services
- Wraparound

The 2009 Oregon Legislature created System of Care through House Bill 2144, requiring specific agencies and commissions to ensure services and supports for children, youth, and families are accessible, culturally responsible, trauma-informed, and healing.

In 2017, Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington County System of Care networks joined to collectively serve the tri-county region.



The Tri-County System of Care provides leadership, policy recommendations and technical assistance to address system-level barriers and challenges through promoting cohesive services for children, youth, and families.



Values

The Tri-County System of Care believes that services are family-driven, youth-guided, community-based, and culturally and linguistically responsive.



Accomplishments

What we're working on:

- Expanding access to Children's Wraparound
- Improving mental health crisis services
- Increasing availability of culturally responsive services and greater access to language interpretation
- Advocating for higher standards in gender-affirming care



Equity

The Tri-County System of Care strives for diverse and inclusive committee membership representing served populations, the systems they access, and those who can problem-solve barriers at all levels. Voices of families, youth, and historically marginalized communities are prioritized.



Governance

When communities, families, caregivers, and front-line staff identify barriers to care, the identified barriers are submitted to the Tri-County System of Care for review. The network's governance structure has three distinct groups that employ diverse strategies to solve these barriers: the Practice Level Workgroup, Advisory Committee, and Executive Council.

PRACTICE LEVEL WORKGROUP

The Practice Level Workgroup provides an on-the-ground perspective, taking a first look at identified barriers and working to solve or refer them to the Advisory Committee along with recommendations.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee includes youth and families, managers and other decision makers. They review the identified barriers and craft system-level solutions or, if needed, refer them to the Executive Council.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Executive Council consists of high-level leaders and decision makers who have authority over policy changes and funding. They help implement recommendations.

STATE SYSTEM OF CARE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The State System of Care Advisory Council is an governor-appointed, state-level body where local Systems of Care through Oregon can bring identified barriers and advocate for statewide and system-level solutions.

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A barrier is anything that gets in the way of youth and family success. Have you experienced barriers getting the services and supports a youth or family needs? When families, caregivers, or community partners experience a barrier, they can submit it to the System of Care for resolution. To learn more or submit a barrier, go to www.systemofcare.net/barrier-resolution



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Our work didn't stop during the pandemic.

In 2020, System of Care committees focused on:

- Expanding access to Wraparound so that all children and youth, regardless of insurance status, who are multi-system involved and have complex behavioral health needs, have access to a fidelity Wraparound planning process.
- Improving crisis services so youth have access to a continuum of youth-specific, seamlessly integrated crisis stabilization services that dramatically reduces or eliminates the use of law enforcement and emergency services.
- Increasing culturally-matching services so that youth and families have access to culturally matching supports whenever they interact with a system and its providers

2021 Efforts include:

- Assuring access and quality of language interpretation services including sign language and rare dialects and languages.
- Expanding availability of peer support for youth by investigating options for opening drop-in centers.

System of Care 101 Trainings

System of Care provided 8 regional, one-hour virtual trainings, each one highlighting a different system in our region: Behavioral Health, Oregon Health Plan and Coordinated Care Organizations, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Education, Juvenile Justice, Child Welfare, Self Sufficiency, Early Care and Education. The trainings are on-line at www.systemofcare.net

Senate Bill 1 System of Care Grant

- Using grant funds, the System of Care Committees are completing the following activities in 2021:
- Staff training in Oregon State University's Search Advocate Training Program to reduce hidden bias in recruitment and hiring.
- Equity education through a membership in the organization Partners in Diversity.
- Equity and liberation training and consultation with the Uprise Collective.
- Scholarships for 30 youth to attend the Uplift Training by Youth Era.

Systems of Care (SOC) work to improve the lives of children, youth, and families.

SOC's increase & improve:

- School attendance
- Grades
- Stable living situations
- Strengths
- Problem-solving skills
- Peer-to-peer support
- Family education

SOC's decrease:

- Behavioral problems
- Emotional problems
- Substance use
- Suicide rates
- Involvement with juvenile justice
- Caregiver strain



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