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SYSTEM OF CARE PARTNERSHIP

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Pennsylvania established the "PA System of Care Partnership" to meet the needs of youth ages 8-18 with complex mental health challenges and multi-system involvement, and their families. It helps counties and child-serving systems work together in equal partnership with youth and families to bring about positive outcomes and system change.

System of Care is:

A network of effective, community-based services and supports for children and youth with or at-risk for mental health or other challenges and their families...

...is organized into coordinated networks

...addresses cultural and linguistic needs

...builds meaningful partnerships with families and youth;

...in order to help families function better at home, in school, in the community, and throughout life.

System of Care Outcomes in Pennsylvania

Home

36% improvement in youth having one stable living arrangement

50% improvement in caregivers reporting stress or strain

17% decrease in youth living in residential treatment facilities

School

52% of youth improved their school performance

40% of youth improved their school attendance

33% decrease in youth being suspended or expelled from school

Community

9% decrease in youth arrests

16% decrease in youth being convicted of a crime

33% of youth report helping other young people learn about services and supports

Life

13% decrease in youth reporting clinically impairing depression and 8% decrease in clinically impairing anxiety.

22% increase in youth reporting that they can make changes in life to live successfully with their challenges

24% decrease in youth inpatient hospitalizations

How are PA counties implementing System of Care Standards?

The PA County Assessment is a survey conducted every April to understand how counties are implementing System of Care.

In 2016, we received 447 completed surveys from partners in 50 PA Counties!

Counties reported an average of a Level 8 (out of 10) Implementation score which means that System of Care values and principles are being spread far and wide across PA!
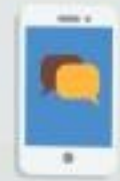
County Leadership Team

188 surveys were received from County Leadership Team (CLT) members across PA, including 42 youth and family partners.

The overall score for this standard was a 9 (out of 10) for Implementation.

Youth Driven

55% of all respondents (and 50% of youth partners) reported that there are opportunities for youth voice in each child-serving system.

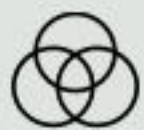The overall score for this standard was a 7 (out of 10) for Implementation.

Family Driven

75% of all respondents (and 69% of all family partners) reported that there is a family organization or group in their county.

The overall score for this standard was an 8 (out of 10) for Implementation.

Integration of Child-Serving Systems

64% of respondents reported that the mission, vision, and outcomes of each child-serving system are shared with all partners.

The overall score for this standard was a 7 (out of 10) for Implementation.

Natural and Community Supports

63% of respondents reported that their county promotes connections with natural supports and community resources.

The overall score for this standard was a 7 (out of 10) for Implementation.
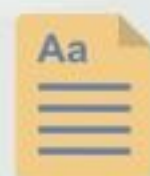
Cultural and Linguistic Competence

50% of respondents reported that the county has culturally relevant training available for youth, family, system, and community partners.

The overall score for this standard was a 7 (out of 10) for Implementation.

Youth and Family Services and Supports Planning Process

78% reported that their county has a planning process model that can be utilized by any youth or family.

The overall score for this standard was an 8 (out of 10) for Implementation.

Evaluation and Continuous Quality Improvement

74% reported that the County Leadership Team regularly reviews data and uses it to make decisions.

The overall score for this standard was an 8 (out of 10) for Implementation.