



The **State Interagency Council** for Services and Supports to Children and Transition-age Youth (**SIAC**) serves as the governing body for Kentucky's System of Care (SOC). SIAC meets monthly and is a group consisting of state agency representatives, a youth, a parent of a child or transition-age youth with a behavioral health need, and a member of a nonprofit family organization. SIAC was created in statute and is charged with the following related to Kentucky's SOC:

- · Making annual recommendations to the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission regarding the SOC,
- · Assessing the effectiveness of RIACs, and
- Developing a comprehensive array of services and supports to meet the needs of children and transition-age youth with or at risk of developing behavioral health needs.



Regional Interagency Councils (RIACs) operate under the oversight of the SIAC and serve as the regional locus of accountability for Kentucky's System of Care (SOC). RIACs are groups consisting of regional-level agency representatives (mirrors the same agencies as SIAC as well as any other identified representatives needed by the RIAC), a youth, a parent of a child or transition age youth with a behavioral health need, and a member of a nonprofit family organization. RIACs were created in statute and are charged with the following related to overseeing regional SOC governance:

- · Conducting regional SOC planning and operations,
- Coordinating system-level continuous quality improvement,
- · Identifying and developing SOC expansion opportunities,
- · Promoting awareness of the SOC, and
- Advising the State Interagency Council (SIAC) regarding the SOC within the region.



State Grant Management and Implementation Team (S-GMIT) consists of state-level System of Care partners. The S-GMIT is responsible for management and implementation of all SOC FIVE grant activities for the duration of the grant. The S-GMIT will:

- · Educate and model the System of Care values and principles at all levels in Kentucky,
- · Hold the vision for the System of Care FIVE which promotes the philosophy that children grow better in families, and
- Integrate behavioral health services and child welfare practices at the system-level to better meet the needs of families.



Regional Grant Management and Implementation Teams (R-GMIT) consist of regional-level System of Care partners. The R-GMITs are responsible for management and implementation of SOC FIVE grant activities within their respective DCBS service region for the duration of the grant. In Cohort One, there is a R-GMIT in The Cumberland DCBS Service Region and another R-GMIT in the Two Rivers DCBS Service Region. The R-GMIT will:

- Give progress updates including a discussion on successes and barriers to the State GMIT,
- · Partner with the regional Implementation Specialist to identify implementation paths, strategies, and barriers, and
- Unite System of Care practices with the Child Welfare Transformation at the regional level.

The Regional GMIT will encompass two Community Mental Health and RIAC regions, so it is imperative that the communication flow between the R-GMIT and the RIACs be consistent and frequent. Strategies for **communication paths**:

- R-GMITs can include participants from each RIAC which would allow those members to act as liaisons between the RIACs and the R-GMIT.
- Each RIAC has been charged with setting at a minimum one goal related to the SOC FIVE population of focus; this goal and progress toward it can be submitted to the R-GMIT on a periodic basis, and
- Both the R-GMIT and the RIACs will maintain a running agenda item specifically focused on SOC FIVE progress.