



Mission

Promoting healthy children and transition-age youth across Kentucky: Building a collaborative System of Care to promote children’s and transition-age youth’s social, emotional and behavioral well-being where they live, learn, work and play.

State Interagency Council (SIAC) for Services and Supports to Children and Transition-age Youth is a statutorily created body to oversee coordinated policy development, comprehensive planning and collaborative budgeting for the purpose of developing services and supports for children and transition-age youth with or at risk of developing behavioral health needs and their families (KRS 200.501-509).

| mid-1980s | 1990 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2014 | 2018 |
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| KY child-serving agencies recognized the lack of programs to serve the ever-increasing number of children with BH needs | KRS 200.501-509 created KY IMPACT; State Interagency Council for Services to Children with an Emotional Disability (SIAC); RIACs and LIACs to oversee IMPACT in all 120 counties | CHFS Secretary charged child-serving agencies with realigning the way BH services and supports were accessed, delivered and reimbursed | KY was awarded SOC Expansion SAMHSA grant redesigning services to be more timely, integrated and effective MCOs began authorizing TCM services based upon medical necessity | KY established BHSOs, RIACs/LIACs no longer carried function of determining SED, changing RIACs' purpose from KY IMPACT gatekeeper to operating as the regional locus of accountability for the SOC | SIAC members signed an interagency agreement embracing a public health approach to children's BH services and supports SIAC recommended SOC values and principles be adopted and used by all SIAC member agencies | Legislation was amended to change the name of SIAC to the State Interagency Council (SIAC) for Services and Supports to Children and Transition-Age Youth |

KEY

- BH – behavioral health
- KRS – Kentucky Revised Statutes
- IMPACT – Interagency Mobilization for Progress in Adolescent and Child Treatment
- RIACs – Regional Interagency Councils
- CHFS – Cabinet for Health & Family Services
- MCO – Managed Care Organizations
- BHSO – Behavioral Health Service Organizations
- LIACs – Local Interagency Councils
- SOC – System of Care
- TCM – Targeted Case Management
- SED – serious emotional disability

System of Care Core Values

- Youth- and Family-driven
- Community-based
- Culturally-and Linguistically-responsive
- Trauma-informed

System of Care Guiding Principles

The principles are how the system of care values are operationalized to support children, transition-age youth and families in having access to:

- A comprehensive array of effective, community-based services and supports
- A service planning process that is strength-based and individualized
- Evidence-informed and promising practices
- Services and supports that are delivered in the least restrictive, most normative environments possible
- Partnerships with families and youth
- Effective care management supports
- Developmentally appropriate services
- A continuum of behavioral health promotion, prevention, early identification, intervention, and recovery services and supports
- A system that supports provider accountability and quality improvement tracking
- Protection of their rights
- Services and supports that are provided without discrimination¹

¹ Adapted from Stroul, B., Blau, G., & Friedman, R., 2010



Regional Interagency Councils

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Regional Interagency Councils (RIACs) operate as the regional locus of accountability for the system of care (SOC), providing a structure for coordination, planning, and collaboration of services and supports to children and transition-age youth with or at risk of developing behavioral health needs and their families. This structure builds on existing resources for children and transition-age youth, and their families to help them function better at home, in school, in the community, and throughout life. (KRS 200.505) There are a total of 18 RIACs across the Commonwealth.

RIAC members work collaboratively to:

Conduct regional system of care planning and operations:

- Assessment and planning to build community capacity to provide effective, community-based services and supports that are delivered consistent with system of care core values and guiding principles
- Ongoing regional and/or local needs assessments across agencies to identify service gaps and/or community needs

Coordinate system-level continuous quality improvement:

- Regularly review local, regional, and state-level data to evaluate and strengthen the system of care, promoting data-driven decision making across agencies

Identify and develop system of care expansion opportunities:

- Develop ways to bridge service gaps to increase access to and availability of high-quality services and supports through flexible funding, grant applications, volunteer efforts, and creative use of community resources, etc.

Promote system of care awareness:

- Promote system of care core values and guiding principles across the community and provide education across all sectors regarding ways in which supporting the system of care can benefit the entire community

Initiate and adopt interagency agreements as necessary for providing services and supports to children and transition-age youth with behavioral health needs by the agencies represented on the RIAC

Advise the SIAC regarding the system of care within the region

Ensure one or more RIAC members participate in the family accountability, intervention, and response (FAIR) teams established pursuant to KRS 605.035 and collaborate with FAIR teams as appropriate to improve or promote the system of care