

Kentucky's System of Care (SOC) FIVE aims to improve behavioral health outcomes for children and youth (birth to age 21) who meet criteria for having a serious emotional disability (SED) and their families and who have child welfare involvement. For this project, child welfare involvement means that a family has had a substantiated instance of child abuse and/or neglect or a finding that services are needed, and for whom child welfare does **not** have custody. SOC FIVE is administered by the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental, and Intellectual Disabilities.

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Enhance interagency infrastructure to support the implementation, expansion, and integration of the System of Care approach for the population of focus. Policy recommendations for State Interagency Council Annual Report to Governor and LRC

- Strategic Financing Plan
- Respite Tracking & Monitoring System expansion
- Learning events for regional behavioral health, child welfare staff

GOAL *Improve availability of and access to high quality, culturally- and linguistically-competent, evidence-based mental health services for the population of focus in the geographic target areas.*

- Support Community Mental Health Centers in outreach and service to target population
- Contract with behavioral health providers to expand targeted, high-need services
- Host learning events in evidence-based practices, including Kentucky's Title IV-E Prevention Plan

Implement strategies to promote & sustain the voice of children, youth, and their families with child welfare involvement at all levels of the system of care.

- Increase availability of peer support services to families with child welfare involvement
- Increase targeted outreach and engagement strategies for birth, foster, and adoptive parents and relative and fictive kin through the statewide family network organization





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