

Oregon Children's Wraparound Initiative



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Preliminary committee recommendations

On July 27, Steering Committee members heard preliminary recommendations of the various subcommittees. The members also listened to feedback from stakeholder "responder panels." News at a Glance summarizes some of the committee recommendations in this issue.

Cultural Competency

- Develop a statement that describes culturally appropriate services in system of care:
Individuals are treated respectfully, compassionately, and effectively in a manner that recognizes, affirms and values the worth of children, individuals, families, and communities protecting and preserving the dignity of each. This includes: culture, language, class, race, age, ethnic background, disability, state of development, religion, gender, sexual orientation and other differences/diversity factors.
- Design standards for culturally appropriate care and means to measure compliance:
Adapt and utilize the 14 national standards on culturally and linguistically appropriate services (CLAS) found at the Office of Minority Health website www.omhrc.gov.
- Identify best practice examples of culturally competent services in system of care models.
- Recommend ways to continually improve culturally appropriate care through the implementation of a statewide system.

Finance

- Develop a statewide purchasing collaborative.
- Conduct a statewide market assessment of need and available resources. This will include a cost benefit analysis and the number and cost of children receiving services from two or more systems.

- Determine barriers to and opportunities for maximizing state, local and federal funds through waivers, increased federal participation, and changes in state policies and procedures.
- Create a strategic financing plan establishing an infrastructure.
- Create legislation to codify the proposed new system of care.

Local Implementation

- Adopt the Values and Principles of Oregon's System of Care statewide.
- Design a local governance structure inclusive of all child-serving systems with the goal of 51% youth/family/advocate membership.
- Create a flexible, local service delivery system with adequate funding base.
- Develop an effective management information system for accountability and reporting.
- Have a web-based electronic record that is shared by all systems. "Lifespan" records can be accessed across systems anywhere at any time.
- Produce single plans of care developed through high fidelity wraparound for families and children.

See next page for more recommendations

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Committee recommendations

Local Implementation

- Facilitate the wraparound process through care coordination; assist families to navigate and to manage their own family and youth plan.
- Ensure family teams have ready access to flexible funds, right services at the right time.
- Develop community service networks that can provide a full range of "formal" and "informal" supports for families.
- Produce a social marketing strategic plan that will help to reduce stigma, ensure community buy-in to values and principles of system of care, and promote system change.
- Connect services across developmental stages.

Data & Evaluation

- Create one or more committees at the state level to review and select outcome measures. These will be implemented across the state.
- Develop a mechanism to evaluate whether or not state agencies (and local representatives) are meeting the data needs of the project.
- Have state agencies collaborate to develop standard agreements around how to share needed data while preserving youth and family rights.
- Choose key indicators in: (1) educational/vocational progress; (2) stable, homelike environment; (3) safety; (4) out of trouble; (5) social/interpersonal support; (6) mental/behavioral health; and (7) needs met.
- Choose indicators/measures that assess whether or not services and supports are being delivered in a manner that reflects system of care and wraparound principles and values.
- Have families and providers collaborate to provide joint responses for data collection activities. Outcome data should be objective and should not just reflect provider subjective impressions.
- Evaluate extent to which there is increased workforce capacity to practice in ways consistent with system of care philosophy. ▲

Family feedback meetings

The Oregon Family Support Network (OFSN) and the Native American Rehabilitation Association (NARA) will host a video conference on Wednesday, September 5 in several areas of the state. This will be an opportunity for family feedback to the recommendations for building a system of services and supports for children and families in Oregon. The meetings will be from 11:00 to 1:00 in the following locations:

Redmond
High Desert ESD
Classroom #2
145 SE Salmon Avenue
Redmond, OR

Salem
DHS Building
Room to be announced
500 Summer Street NE
Salem, OR

Medford
DHS Building
Room to be announced
1005 East Main Street
Medford, OR

Portland
Multnomah ESD
First Floor
11616 NE Ainsworth Circle
Portland, OR

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- wrapfinance-request@listsmart.osl.state.or.us
- wraplocal-request@listsmart.osl.state.or.us
- wrapcultural-request@listsmart.osl.state.or.us
- wrapdata-request@listsmart.osl.state.or.us ▲



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