



SAMHSA'S PRINCIPLES FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES



OUR VISION IS:

For *all* children and youth to live full lives in the community- to have an education, preparation for employment, and meaningful relationships with family and friends.

OUR MISSION IS TO:

Improve outcomes for children and youth with and/or at risk for mental, substance use and/or co-occurring disorders, and their families by increasing access to a continuum of comprehensive, integrated, culturally and linguistically competent services and supports—that include prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery.

OUR KEY PRINCIPLES

PRINCIPLE #1:

Children and youth are viewed and understood within a developmental framework.

PRINCIPLE # 2:

Children and youth are viewed and understood in the context of their families, their communities, and their cultures.

PRINCIPLE #3:

Prevention, early intervention, treatment, and recovery are provided within a public health context, along a continuum, and address risk and protective factors.

PRINCIPLE #4:

Services and supports for children, adolescents, and their families are family-driven and youth-guided; culturally and linguistically competent; individualized and strengths-based; and community-based.

PRINCIPLE #5:

Behavioral health care is comprehensive, coordinated, and integrated across multiple child- and family-serving agencies.