

The Most Important Voices: Children, Youth, and Families



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SAMHSA's 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.

SAMHSA's 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.



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:

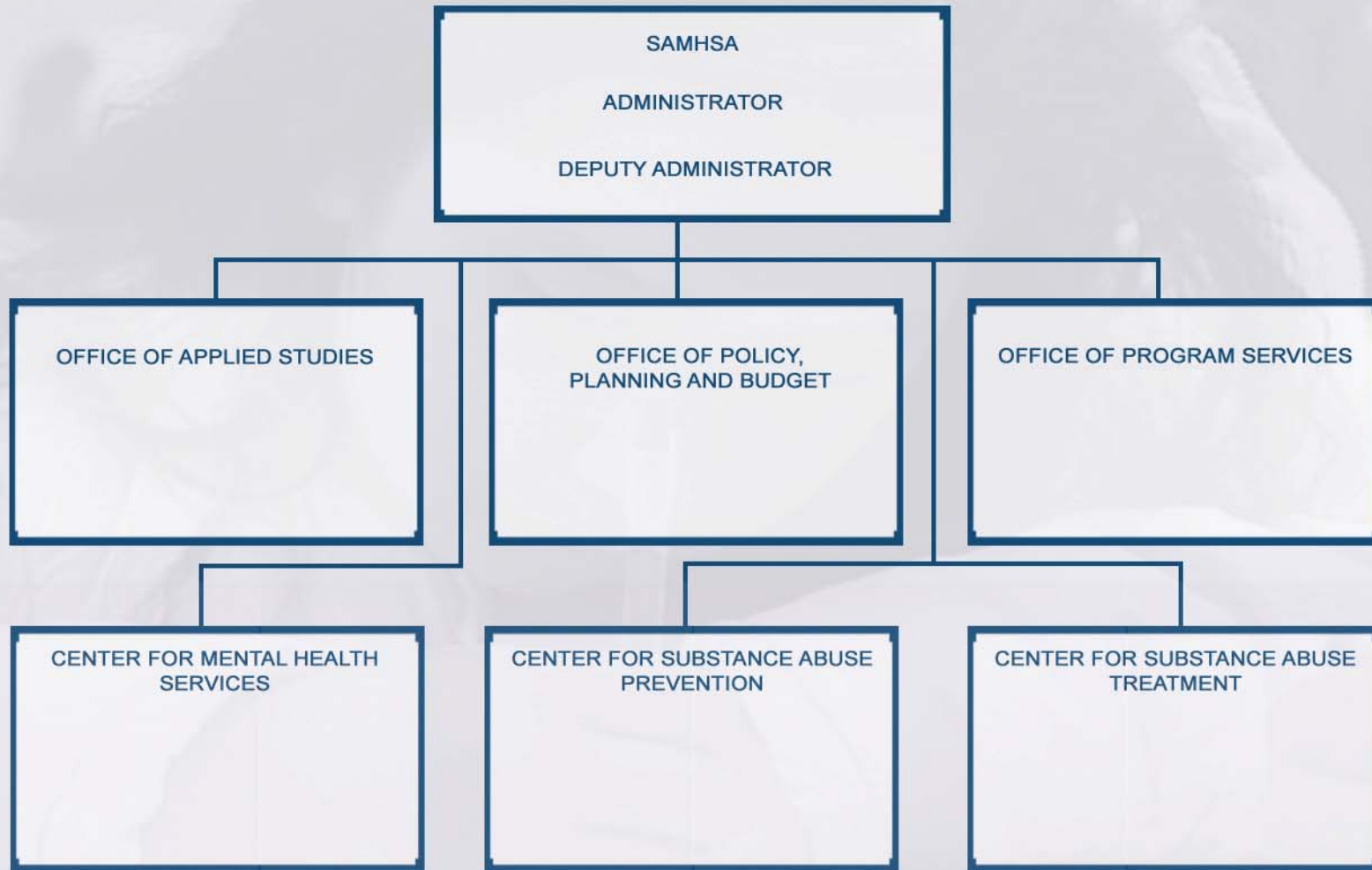
Services and supports for children, adolescents, and their families are family-driven and youth-guided; culturally and linguistically competent; individualized and strengths-based; and community-based.



Principle 5:

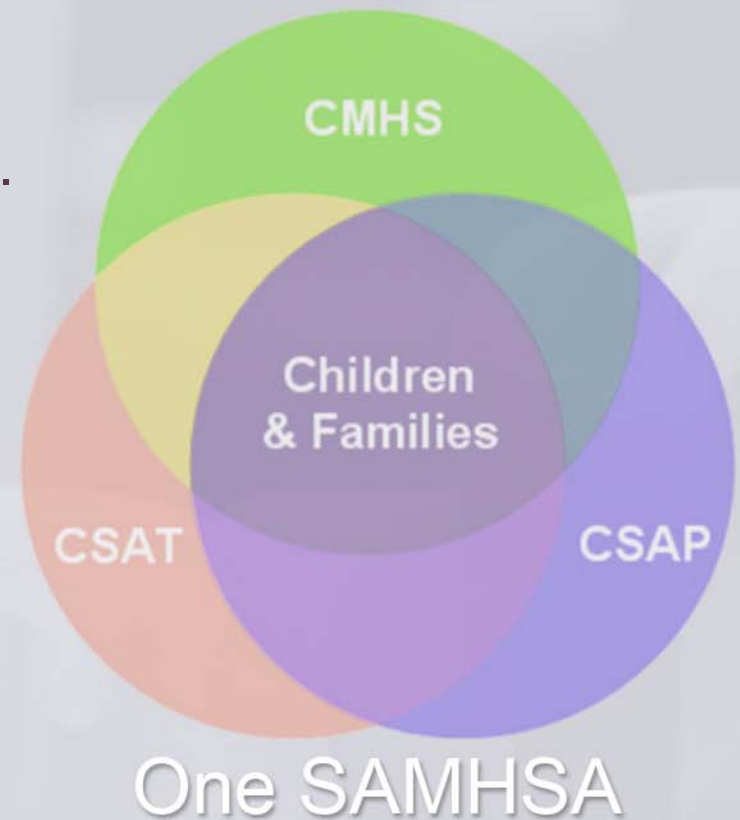
Behavioral health care is comprehensive, coordinated, and integrated across multiple child- and family-serving agencies.





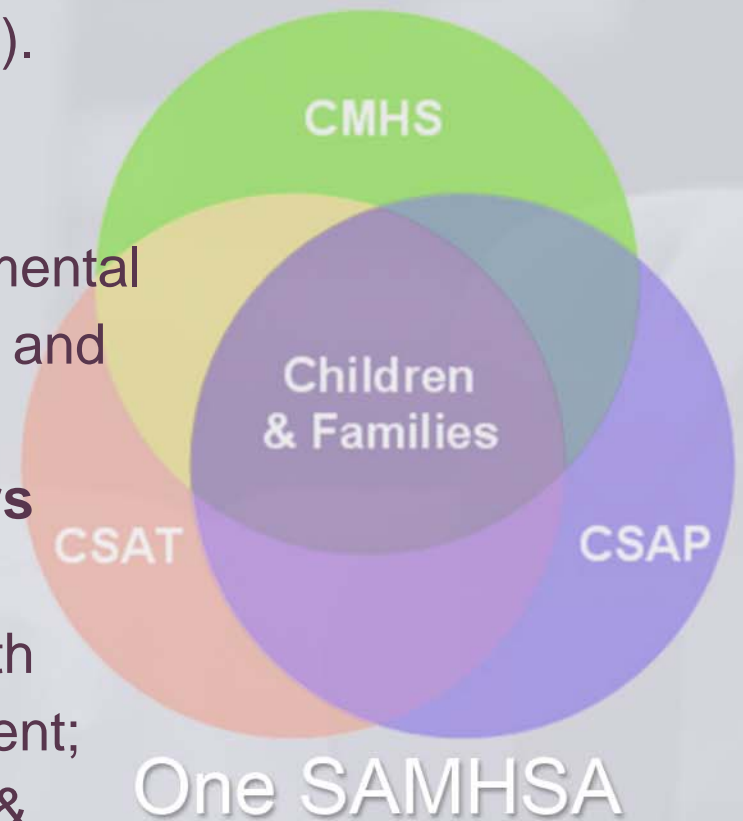
SAMHSA's Children and Families Workgroup Promotes Collaboration Across all 3 Centers to:

- **Identify priorities, gaps, and opportunities for integration.**
- **Develop new initiatives** (e.g., State-level Coordinator for Adolescent Substance Use).
- **Gather input from youth and families as well as other key stakeholders.**
- **Hold joint grantee meetings** (e.g., CSAT's Strengthening Communities with CMHS' System of Care).



SAMHSA's Children and Families Workgroup Promotes Collaboration Across all 3 Centers to:

- **Fund grants jointly across Centers** (e.g., Child and Adolescent State Infrastructure Grant).
- **Develop TA resources and activities** (e.g., TA Inventory, strategies for linking mental health, substance use, and primary care); and
- **Collaborate with other Federal partners** (e.g., Federal/National Partnership for Transforming Child & Family Mental Health & Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment; Federal Partners Collaborative for Social & Emotional Development of Young Children Ages 0-5)



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