

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. 01-153

Adopting System of Care Values and Principles for Child and Family Mental Health
System Redesign

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Resolution 00-161 provides the Vision Statement and Values to guide the Mental Health System redesign for adults and children at all levels of care.
- b. The Children and Family System of Care Phase II Workgroup recommends that the Board adopt the Values and Principles adapted from Child and Adolescent Service System Program to guide the Children's Mental Health System redesign.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. The following values and principles underlie the Child and Family Mental Health Redesign:

System of Care Value I.

The system of care will be child centered and family focused and the needs of the child and family determine the types and mix of services provided.

System of Care Value II.

The system of care will be community based. Service management shall be individualized.

System of Care Value III.

The system of care will be culturally competent. Agencies, programs, and services will be responsive to the cultural, racial, and ethnic differences of the children and families they serve.

System of Care Principle I.

Child mental health consumers and their families will have access to a comprehensive array of services that address their physical, emotional, social, and educational needs.

System of Care Principle II.

Child mental health consumers and their families will receive services in accordance with the unique needs and potentials of each child guided by individual service plans.

System of Care Principle III.

Child mental health consumers and their families will receive services within the least restrictive most normative environment that is clinically appropriate.

System of Care Principle IV.

The families and surrogate families of children with mental health disorders will be full participants in all aspects of the planning and delivery of services.

System of Care Principle V.

Child mental health consumers and their families will receive integrated services. Child-serving agencies and programs will be connected with planning, development, and coordination of services.

System of Care Principle VI.

Child mental health consumers and their families will receive case management or other services so that multiple services are delivered in a coordinated and therapeutic manner, and that services meet their changing needs.

System of Care Principle VII.

Early identification and intervention for children with emotional, behavioral or mental disorders and their families will be promoted to enhance the chances of positive outcomes.

System of Care Principle VIII.

Children with mental health disorders should be ensured smooth transitions to the adult service system as they reach maturity.

System of Care Principle IX.

The rights of children with emotional, behavioral and mental disorders will be protected and effective advocacy for children and adolescents with such disorders will be promoted.

System of Care Principle X.

Child mental health consumers and their families will receive services without regard to race, religion, national origin, sex, physical disability, or other characteristics, and services will be sensitive and responsive to cultural differences and special needs.

ADOPTED this 29th day of November 2001.




BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

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