

ABOUT THE SYSTEM OF CARE

The System of Care - Children Mental Health Initiative (SOC-CMHI) is a comprehensive spectrum of mental health and essential support services organized into a coordinated network to address and meet the varied needs of children, youth, and young adults at risk for or with Serious Emotional Disorders (SED)s, their families, and their caregivers.

The SOC-CMHI is a federally funded initiative working to improve mental health outcomes specifically for at risk youth and their families. The Mental Health Board received this funding through SAMHSA (Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration) and is contracting with Vision for Children at Risk to provide overall project management, infrastructure services, and family support services.

SOC-CMHI Grant Goals

- Strengthen and enhance current infrastructure to connect at risk youth and families with mental health service partners;
- Connect at risk youth and families with Family Support Partners;
- Implement an Integrated Family Services Model for at risk youth and families; and
- Provide peer support for parents/caregivers of children or youth up to 21 years old who have a Serious Emotional Disorder (SED).

Working alongside the community...

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ABOUT VISION FOR CHILDREN AT RISK

We promote the well-being of children, youth, and their families, with a primary focus on those impacted by socioeconomic risk and racial inequity. We do this by:

- **Informing** the community with data and research,
- Promoting **collaborative** action,
- **Engaging** and supporting families, and
- **Advocating** for child well-being through policy and community investment



We empower families with support and opportunities to actively participate in shaping the systems that provide for their children's well-being.

We believe that families must be involved in every step of building more equitable and effective systems.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

FAMILY SUPPORT PARTNER PROGRAM

The Family Support Partner Program connects parents/caregivers with a Family Support Partner (FSP). FSPs provide peer support to families as they connect to and navigate mental health services. FSPs have lived experience as a parent, or family member of a child/youth with a serious emotional disorder, as well as a deep connection to the St. Louis community. We are committed to:

- Walking alongside parents/families as they navigate services;
- Connecting parents/families to peer support and resources; and
- Helping parents/families advocate for a stronger more effective system.

FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK GROUP

The Family Support Network Group is designed to bring together the families we walk alongside for peer-to-peer support. Connect with other parents and caregivers that are navigating similar life challenges. Conversation topics are selected by the group and work towards promoting self-sufficiency.

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Families should be at the center of decisions that impact them. The Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) help us make that happen. PACs put leadership and decision-making power back in your hands and connect you to a broad network of systems change makers. Use your voice to help other families navigate mental health services.

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

CRITICAL CASE STAFFING

When families are working with mental health services, yet continue to hit roadblock after roadblock, the Critical Case Staffing Team is here to support both the family and the referring agency.