

System of Care Across Tennessee (SOCAT) Information Sheet

Overview

The System of Care Across Tennessee (SOCAT) initiative builds on two decades of System of Care experience and focuses on young children, children, youth, young adults, and their families. SOCAT utilizes the System of Care values and principles while empowering Tennessee families to work together with child-serving agencies as partner to guide their care.

System of Care Across Tennessee (SOCAT) offers care coordination using a wraparound approach for young children, children, youth, and young adults and their families. SOCAT serves those with the highest needs through a high fidelity wraparound process. Wraparound is a planning process that follows a series of steps to help children and their families realize their hopes and dreams. The wraparound process also helps make sure children and youth grow up in their homes and communities. It is a planning process that brings people together from different parts of the whole family's life. With help from one or more facilitators, people from the family's life work together, coordinate activities, and blend their perspective of the family's situation. The wraparound process is individualized to the strengths and needs of the children and their family and allows for children and family voice and choice in the process. Wraparound is an evidence based practice that is culturally and linguistically competent and is community-based.

Eligibility Information

The young child/child/youth/young adult:

- is between the ages of 0-21;
- is experiencing emotional or behavioral concerns that affect their daily life (i.e. having trouble in school, with their family, with peers or adults, with law enforcement, or children's services);
- is having difficulty or is at-risk of being kicked out of pre-school, child care, school, home, etc;
- has been, is currently, or is at-risk of psychiatric hospitalization, residential placement, or DCS custody;
- is willing and interested in participating (if under 16, includes family).

**Additional information will be collected to determine final eligibility for enrollment into services.*