System of Care is a collaborative effort to improve behavioral health outcomes for children and youth, from birth through 21, with serious emotional disturbances (SED) and their families.

The Kansas System of Care will ensure that youth and families receive the services and support needed for them to thrive in their communities.

Family-Driven & Youth-Guided

Community Based

Culturally & Linguistically Competent

Youth and families will be integrally involved in the planning, governance, implementation, evaluation, and oversight of Kansas System of Care, including the efforts to expand and sustain it throughout the state.

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Partnerships
- Compass, South Central, Sumner, and PACES will provide all direct system of care services. Staff will deliver services with cultural and linguistic competence and address issues of diversity and disparity.
- Collaborate with critical providers and programs to build bridges among partners, including relationships between community and residential treatment settings.
- Work with partnered child-serving agencies to best service transitional aged youth to adulthood.
- Establish collaborations across child-serving agencies in each community, such as child welfare, juvenile justice, primary care, education, and early childhood.

Youth & Family Voice
Kansas System of Care will integrally involve youth and families in the planning, governance, implementation, evaluation, and oversight of program activities. Youth and families will be fully involved and supported in all system planning efforts to expand and sustain Kansas System of Care.

Youth and families will receive support services through Youth Peer Specialist and Parent Support providers to be empowered and use their voice when discussing and developing their own treatment and recovery plans.

Support services to promote and sustain youth and family participation will be available at each participating mental health center. These services include peer support, development of youth leadership, mentoring programs, youth-guided activities, parent support groups, local and state advisory and evaluation committees, and self-help organizations and programs.

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