

Kansas System of Care (KSOC) Councils & Committees Overview



System of Care Advisory Council

The Advisory Council will provide governance for all aspects of the KSOC. The goals of the Advisory Council are to support infrastructure that allows for the development, implementation, sustaining, and expanding of the SOC. The Advisory Council will assist in the creation or enhancement of statewide policies and practices that impact the well-being of youth and young adults with behavioral health challenges and their families. Membership shall include a broad and diverse group of stakeholders: youth, families, SOC partners, community organizations, service providers, and other child-serving agencies.

Local Advisory Councils

Local Advisory Councils will provide oversight for local, site-specific, KSOC efforts. Councils serve as the mechanism to develop and maintain a responsive, accessible, and integrated SOC for children with behavioral health challenges and their families. The Councils will assist in guiding the creation or enhancement of local policies and practices that impact the well-being of community members. Local Advisory Councils will provide updates on progress, barriers, and efforts to overcome barriers to the SOC Advisory Council. Membership shall include a broad and diverse group of stakeholders: youth, families, SOC partners, community organizations, service providers, and other child-serving agencies.

Social Marketing Committee

The Social Marketing Committee will oversee the ongoing development and implementation of the KSOC Social Marketing Plan. The Committee will create specific strategies to use social marketing in both local and state policy making, sustainability, and expansion activities. Membership shall include a broad and diverse group of stakeholders: youth, families, SOC partners, and community organizations like family organizations, child-serving agencies, Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCAs, and County Extension Offices. A Social Marketing Committee member shall serve as the KSOC Social Marketing Task Lead, as required by SAMHSA.

Training/Workforce Development Committee

The Training and Workforce Development Committee will oversee all training efforts for the KSOC. Trainings could include KSOC Orientation for staff, New Member Orientation for Advisory Councils and Committees, and youth and family leadership training. The Committee should develop specific strategies to have youth and families participate in the provision of training. Membership shall include a broad and diverse group of stakeholders: youth, families, SOC partners, and community organizations.

Culture and Linguistic Competency (CLC) Committee

The CLC Committee will oversee the development and implementation of the KSOC CLC Plan. The Committee will develop specific strategies to engage underserved populations, improve access, and enhance CLC efforts. Strategies could include CLC surveys for youth and families, identifying refugee resources, engaging local major employers Employee Assistance Programs, and initiation of the Family Acceptance Project at all sites. Membership shall include a broad and diverse group of stakeholders: youth, families, SOC partners, local community cultural organizations, members of the refugee community, and service providers. A CLC Committee member shall serve as the KSOC CLC Task Lead, as required by SAMHSA.

Evaluation Committee

The Evaluation Committee will oversee the evaluation design, analysis, and distribution of information for the KSOC. The Committee will develop specific strategies to use the data collected to further sustainability and expansion efforts. Evaluation activities could include research projects, identifying gaps and needs, and reviewing SOC client-level and system-level data and outcomes. Membership shall include a broad and diverse group of stakeholders: youth, families, SOC partners, and community organizations. An Evaluation Committee member shall serve as the KSOC Evaluation Task Lead, as required by SAMHSA.

For additional information or to sign up to participate on a committee, email KDADS.SystemOfCare@ks.gov