

Waukesha County Coordinated Service Team Initiative Interagency Partnership Agreement – May 2019

This agreement serves to promote an understanding between community partners in Waukesha County of their mutual responsibilities for implementing an integrated system of care for children with severe emotional disorders. Such an understanding will:

- *Facilitate networking that improves access to services for children with severe emotional disorders and their families.*
- *Promote the identification of service delivery gaps and foster coordinated planning for the remediation of these gaps.*
- *Support collaborative approaches to multi-agency service delivery need for a child and that child's family.*

Overview of CST

Waukesha County Department of Health and Human Services receives a State funded grant to provide the Coordinated Service Team Initiative (CST) for youth with severe emotional and/or behavioral disturbances (SED) and their families. The CST is a statewide initiative to provide community-based coordinated services for children and families involved in two or more systems of care to gain full access to the variety of supports and services available to meet their needs. The administration and provision of these grant-funded services is provided by the Children's Clinical Services Staff of the DHHS Clinical Services Division.

CST Mission

The CST mission is to collaborate with families, schools, and community partners to support the well-being and best quality of life for children and adolescents with significant mental health and/or substance use issues in Waukesha County.

CST Core Values

CST is not a program. It is a family and community based process that is committed to developing supports on identified strengths and coordinating services to address the needs of youth with severe emotional and behavioral disturbances and their families. The Core Values of the CST include:

- *A family-centered approach*
- *Active consumer involvement*
- *Plans of care utilize natural and community supports*
- *Assessments, plans of care, and support strategies are strength based*
- *Unconditional commitment to meet family needs and respect differences in perspectives*
- *Collaboration between systems*
- *Team approach across agencies*
- *Ensuring safety is the primary goal when a significant safety risk or concern is present*
- *Gender/Age/Culturally responsive service delivery*
- *Families will be provided with resources to achieve self-sufficiency*
- *Advocating for access to education and work settings*
- *Belief that families can Grow, Learn, and Recover*
- *Identified family outcomes drive activities of the team*

CST Coordinating Committee:
Partnerships for Children's Mental Health

Wisconsin State Statute 46.56 mandates that each grant-funded site must have a CST Coordinating Committee to ensure fidelity to the CST mission and core values in the delivery of services to children and families enrolled in the project. The CST Coordinating Committee in Waukesha County is Partnerships for Children's Mental Health.

Coordinating Committee Mission

The mission of the Partnerships for Children's Mental Health in Waukesha County is to improve community understanding of the impact of emotional and behavioral disorders on children and their families. The desired outcome of the collaborative work is to foster the growth of a system of care that provides family-centered, individualized care to children and their families within a strength-based, needs-focused, and culturally relevant continuum of care. The vision for the future is that families will have the needed access, voice, and ownership to enable their children with emotional and behavioral disorders to thrive within their families, homes, community schools and neighborhoods.

Coordinating Committee Tasks

The main tasks of the Partnerships for Children's Mental Health include:

- Maintain an interagency agreement that will guide the overall operation of the system of care and establish guidelines for collaboration between community partners.
- Identify and address gaps in services for children and families with mental health and/or emotional and behavioral concerns.
- Oversee the development of, and implementation of, a grant-funded program (CST) intended to create wraparound system of care for SED youth and their families.
- Assess how the program will fit in with other services and service coordination activities in the county to avoid duplication of services.
- Review determinations by the service coordination agency if they are appealed by clients or by agencies who are part of the program.
- Ensure client and partner agency satisfaction through performance of satisfaction survey.

Coordinating Committee Membership

Membership in Partnerships for Children's Mental Health is mandated to include representation from various service delivery systems to promote a comprehensive approach to community-based treatment. Mandatary Committee Membership is specified per 46.56(3)(d) as follows:

1. The county department responsible for child welfare and protection services.
2. The county department responsible for mental health and alcohol and drug abuse services for children and families.
3. The county department responsible for providing services for children who are developmentally disabled.
4. The family support program under s. 46.985, if the county has a family support program.

5. The juvenile court administrator or another representative appointed by the judge responsible for cases heard under Chapter 48 (Children's Code) and Chapter 938 (Juvenile Code) of the Wisconsin Statutes.
6. The largest school district in the county and any Cooperative Educational Service Agency if it provides special education in the county, or any county handicapped children's education board in the county and any other school district in the county that is willing to participate in the program, at the discretion of the administering agency.
7. At least two parents of children with severe disabilities or such number necessary to make the parent representation equal to 25% of the coordination committee's membership, whichever is greater.
8. The agency responsible for economic support programs.