

System of Care Advisory Council

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To: Governor Kate Brown
Senate Interim Committee on Human Services
House Interim Committee on Human Services
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House Interim Committee on Behavioral Health
Senate Interim Committee on Mental Health

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2021-23 Budget and Legislative Priorities - Recommendations

The System of Care Advisory Council was formed in March 2020 and has been working on what we believe to be the current legislative and budget priorities for the System of Care.

The Council believes that SB1 and associated investments with its investments in the children's continuum of care services and System of Care remains crucial to improving outcomes for children experiencing high needs across Oregon.

The full funding for all the 2019 investments as originally envisaged is in the Governor's Recommended Budget (GRB) and the Council is in full support of this investment in the children's system.

The Council supports the GRB inclusion of investments for youth Hubs and young adult services from the Governor's Behavioral Health Advisory Council work.

Funding Concerns:

Local System of Care Grants

The Council is advocating for a further \$4.8m for System of Care Advisory Council local System of Care grants.

This \$4.8m request will provide grant funding for 15 CCOs and the 9 federally Tribes.

Local System of Care governance structures are tasked with identifying gaps and needs in their regional Systems of Care. Many of these require the development of locally focused culturally appropriate services and supports. Grants will enable local communities to work on community solutions to keep children at home, in school and in their communities.

Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS)

MRSS has been shown to be an important pillar to a full-service array for a strong System of Care. This proposed POP was not included in the GRB. The Council will be advocating for the creation of this service.

Services and Supports in SB 1 and associated investments (All funds are in Millions)	2019 Original SB 1 Investments	2019 Federal Match	2021 General Fund Total Ask	2021 New
A. In-home services and supports (Continued Service Level (CSL))				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OHA POP 403 In- Home service expansion: Serves 1500 youth - avoids 300 residential placements 	\$6.60	\$13.00	\$6.60	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DHS In home services for youth with non-medical necessity needs: serves 462 families in 1 year 	\$6.60	\$3.30	\$6.60	
B. Interdisciplinary Assessment Teams				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishes 5 Interdisciplinary Assessment Teams 	\$10.40	\$3.40	\$5.70	\$5.70
C. Enhanced services for IDD/Behavioral Health needs Youth (CSL)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residential Capacity investments: 12 beds 				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced foster care: 140 placements 	\$3.40	\$4.60	\$3.40	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medically involved Children's Waiver: 150 waiver slots 				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medically fragile Children's Waiver: 10 waiver slots 				
D. Strengthen SOC at state and local levels				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish statewide SOC by Oct 2019: Fund 1.0 fte staff, Data Dashboard, Grants to local SOC teams (CSL + new) 	\$2.00		\$6.00	\$4.80
E. Crisis and Transitional Services				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance current programs, fund 4 new programs, study program, 0.5 fte oversight (CSL) 	\$3.68		\$3.68	
F. Therapeutic Foster Care - DHS Funding Package 090 (CSL)				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Serves 169 youth 	\$1.66	\$4.60	\$1.66	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 contracted therapy teams 	\$1.84		\$1.84	
Grand Total	\$32.78	\$24.30	\$35.48	\$10.50

A. In-home Services and supports

OHA: Intensive In-home Behavioral Health Treatment) is a part of the continued service levels. Currently available for youth with fee for service Medicaid, CCOs will begin offering these services in 2021.

ODHS: \$6.6m supports evidence-based service development and expansion under Family First. This is in addition to the ODHS POP for Family First Prevention services that focuses primarily on infrastructure and should not be considered as a replacement for other funds requested for ODHS as a part of the Family First Prevention Plan.

B. Interdisciplinary Assessment Teams

This would establish this new program that was part of the budget reductions in 2020.

Teams will:

- (a) Provide evaluation of youth.
- (b) Increase statewide education, consultation and telemedicine evaluation, assessment and treatment capacity, with specific emphasis on increasing access to psychiatric and developmental assessments in communities that lack sufficient access to providers.
- (c) Prioritize evaluation, assessment and stabilization services provided to youth who are placed in hotels, in out-of-state facilities, in emergency department boarding, in shelter care, in institutional care, in county detention facilities or in the custody of the Oregon Youth Authority.

C. Enhanced services for youth experiencing Intellectual /Developmental Disability (I/DD) and behavioral health needs

This investment was a part of the 2020, one-time budget reduction that reduced funding from 140 Host Home placements to 30 placements through the end 19-21. This will fund the continued development of Host Homes (formerly known as Enhanced Foster Care) for Children with I/DD. This will provide enhanced I/DD foster care services to approximately 140 youth. This new level of care also provides a step down from residential as a child transitions back to a family home. In addition, 12 additional beds for children's residential group homes were funded.

D. Strengthen SOC at state and local levels

This was funded at \$1m for the 2019-20 and \$1.2m is in the continued service level for 2021-23, for FTE, the children's System of Care Data Dashboard and small grants to local System of Care.

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E. Crisis and Transition Services

This program is in the continued service level.

F. Therapeutic Foster Care

Creation of this new program has been disrupted due to COVID 19. The Request for Proposals closed November 30, 2020 and contracts are anticipated in January 2021. This program is budgeted within the Continued Service Level. Behavioral Health Treatment Foster Care combines intensive community-based behavioral health services in a structured foster care home that incorporates an evidence-based model for treatment foster care.