



Senate Bill 19-195: Children and Youth Behavioral Health System Enhancements

Fact Sheet

The goal of [Senate Bill \(SB\) 19-195](#) is to improve child and youth behavioral health services and system coordination across the State of Colorado so families receive improved, equitable care, improved functioning, and are healthier overall. This work is a multi-disciplinary partnership between responsible organizations and stakeholders. The Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) and the Department of Human Services' Office of Behavioral Health (OBH) along with community partners will work collaboratively to implement the strategies put forward in this bill.

Components of the Bill

Components	Leadership	Status
Develop a high-fidelity wraparound services benefit for Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) eligible youth (up to age 26) who are at risk of out of home placement or are currently in an out-of-home placement.	HCPF- CDHS	Re-starting
Develop and recommend a plan to integrate distinct local, state, and federal funding streams across different child-serving systems. The goal is to address the challenges of fragmentation and duplication of behavioral health services for families involved in multiple systems.	HCPF	Re-starting
Select a menu of standardized behavioral health screening tools for medical provider use.	CDHS-OBH	Completed
Select a single standardized assessment tool to help identify behavioral health needs for children, youth, and families.	CDHS-OBH	Completed
Create a statewide single-entry point to link children, youth, and families efficiently and effectively to appropriate behavioral health services.	CDHS-OBH	Re-starting

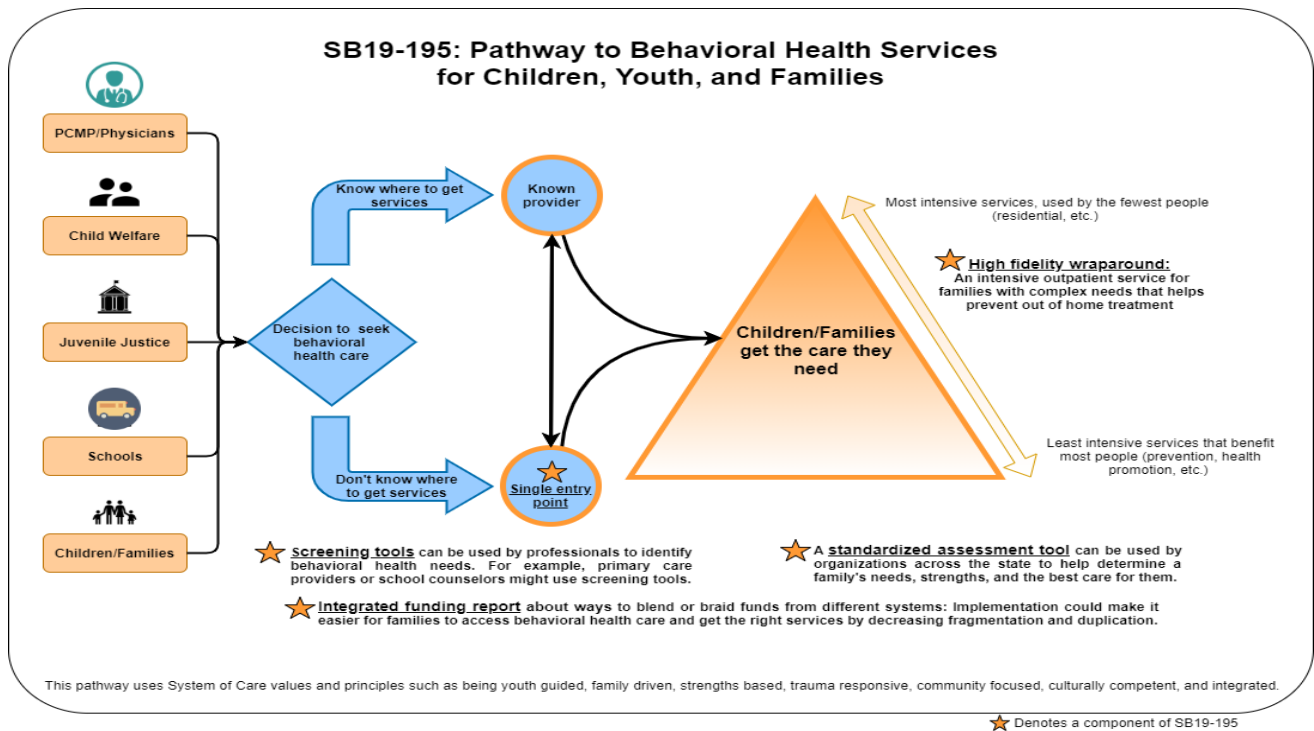


Stakeholder Engagement

Stakeholders are key to the success of SB19-195. HCPF is committed to engaging diverse perspectives and incorporating community expertise directly into the work. Stakeholders include State department staff, community providers, parents/guardians, and any other interested parties.

Stakeholder engagement will occur through workgroup involvement. To learn more about workgroups, please go to our [website](#).

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