

Colorado System of Care: Year One Progress

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Acronyms

BHA - Behavioral Health Administration
CANS - Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths tool
CO-SOC - Colorado System of Care
CSU - Colorado State University
ESA - Enhanced Standardized Assessment
EFFT - Enhanced Functional Family Therapy
HCPF - Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing
EHFW - Enhanced High Fidelity Wraparound
IHBT - Intensive Home Based Treatment
ICC - Intensive Care Coordination
NWIC - National Wraparound Implementation Center
EMST - Enhanced Multisystemic Therapy
PRTF - Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility
QRTP - Qualified Residential Treatment Program
RAE - Regional Accountable Entity
SOC - System of Care
WCC - Workforce Capacity Center

Colorado System of Care (CO-SOC)

What is System of Care:

The whole is greater than the sum of parts

Care coordination in Current System



Well intended, but has minimal quality outcomes for children with complex needs

Care coordination in System of Care



Have hands-on and in-depth coordination of intensive treatment and support services
= strong quality outcomes

“System of Care*” means: a spectrum of effective, community-based services and supports for Eligible Medicaid Members with significant or complex mental health concerns or other challenges and their families, that is organized into a coordinated network, builds meaningful partnerships with families and youth, and addresses their cultural and linguistic needs, in order to help them to function better at home, in school, in the community, and throughout life.

***https://gucchd.georgetown.edu/products/Toolkit_SOC_Resource1.pdf**

SOC Philosophy: Core Values

- Family and Youth Driven
- Community-based
- Culturally and Linguistically Competent



SOC Philosophy: Core Principles

- Comprehensive array of services and supports
- Individualized and strength-based services and supports
- Evidence-based and evidence-informed practices
- Trauma-informed
- Least restrictive and natural environment for the Member and family
- Partnerships with the Member and family
- Interagency collaboration
- Care coordination
- Developmentally appropriate services and supports
- Data driven and accountability; and
- Protection of Member and family rights and advocacy.



Population for Year One

- Medicaid Members between the ages of 11 and 17 years of age who meet the following criteria:
- Is eligible for Enhanced High Fidelity Wraparound (EHFW) in accordance with the fidelity model maintained by the National Wraparound Implementation Center (NWIC), and”
- Is residing in or will be discharged to reside in a family-like setting.” Family-like setting includes, but is not limited to: Foster care, kinship care, and legal family/guardian in a home environment, and
- Is either:
 - Anticipated to be discharged from QRTP or PRTF within at least the next 60 calendar days, or
 - In out of state residential treatment facility upon discharge back home to Colorado, or
 - In an Extended Stay or boarding situation as defined by C.R.S. 27-50-101(13.5)



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- The RAEs will have an EFHW Provider
- That EHFHW Provider will have at least one Facilitator
- The RAE will serve at least one youth in Colorado System of Care



National Wraparound Implementation Center (NWIC)

- CO-SOC is allowing for other “wraparound” modalities in year one with a commitment to transition to NWIC under the WCC for CO-SOC by June 30, 2026
- NWIC has a specific “Introduction to Wraparound” they are making available while the WCC is getting up and running



Readiness Activities

- Potential Provider Forums inclusive of EMST, EFFT and NWIC EHFV and bringing in the national experts for these models
- CO-SOC Potential Provider Forums for NWIC EHFV will continue through January 2026
- RAEs are working to identify youth in the Year One Population
- QRTP/PRTF Provider, RAE and HCPF Working Policy Group kicked off in August



Stay Connected

- [Colorado System of Care \(CO-SOC\) Website](#)
3 Advisory Committees which are open to the public
CO-SOC Potential Provider Forums
- [Settlement Agreement Announced in Lawsuit Involving Intensive Behavioral Health Services](#)
- [Subscribe](#) to the Colorado System of Care (CO-SOC) for Children and Youth Behavioral Health Newsletter
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Questions