

Oregon Children's Wraparound Initiative



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House Bill 2144 undergoing "friendly amendments"

Wraparound legislation, now known as House Bill 2144, is undergoing "friendly amendments" as it makes its way through the legislative process.

Submitted by the Governor's Office, this House Bill outlines the framework to build a coordinated, community-based system of services and supports for children, youth and their families in Oregon.

The proposed legislation:

- Requires specified state agencies and commissions to participate in the Wraparound Initiative for provision of youth services.
- Establishes core values and principles.
- Solicits and prioritizes family and youth perspectives.
- Imposes requirements on state agencies to implement and sustain the initiative,
- Ensures cultural competence in provision of services.
- Ensures the collection and evaluation of data.
- Authorizes the pooling of resources from partner agencies.
- Establishes the Children's Wraparound Initiative Advisory Committee.
- Requires Committee to report annually to Governor and Legislative Assembly.

Target Population

Children and youth who have or are at risk of developing emotional, behavioral, or substance use related needs, and who are involved with two or more systems (child welfare, juvenile justice, special education, etc.).

Oregon Wraparound is a holistic, inclusive approach to serving a broad population by using existing resources in a more effective and efficient manner.

Oregon Wraparound is a movement that will organize children's services and maximize positive results through a more integrated system of care. The Initiative will provide high quality treatment for the children with the highest level of need. And, when organized in a more coordinated way, more children can be served, thus reducing the number of youth needing high-end, more costly services.

Oregon Wraparound, using the same dollars currently being spent on children and youth, will transform the current service delivery system to be more coordinated, less fragmented, more efficient, and better able to account for shared outcomes. ✕

"As a judge, I have seen first hand the costs of the fragmentation of our current system. Children too often fail to get the services they need, families are frustrated and the child-caring systems respond to crises, not thoughtful planning. No single agency or system is responsible or accountable for children and youth with complex mental health needs." Judge Nan Waller, Chief Family Law Judge, Multnomah County

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Critical Steps in System Building

State and local communities are beginning to work on what it takes to implement and sustain a system of care for children and families. The following steps, tips and characteristics are guidelines developed by Sheila Pires, author of the "Building Systems of Care - A Primer." This primer is an excellent resource for any community considering system transformation.

System of Care:

A system of care incorporates a broad, flexible array of effective services and supports for a defined, multi-system population that is organized into a coordinated network, integrates care planning and management across multiple levels, is culturally and linguistically competent, builds meaningful partnerships with families and youth and has supportive policy and management infrastructure.

Critical Steps in System Building:

- ✓ Identify your population(s) of focus.
- ✓ Agree on underlying values and outcomes.
- ✓ Identify services/supports and practice model to achieve outcomes.
- ✓ Identify how services/supports will be organized (so that all key stakeholders can draw the system design).
- ✓ Identify the administrative/system infrastructure needed to support the delivery system.
- ✓ Cost out the system of care.
- ✓ Develop a strategic financing plan.

System of Care Focus:

- ✓ Policy Level (e.g., financing; regulations; rates)
- ✓ Management Level (e.g., data; quality improvement; human resource development; system organization).
- ✓ Frontline Practice Level (e.g., assessment; care planning; care management; services/supports provision).
- ✓ Community Level (e.g., partnership with families, youth, natural helpers; community buy-in). X

Project Team Update



The Market Assessment is underway led by Dr. Neal Wallace from Portland State University. He has completed preliminary estimates of prevalence, use, and unmet need. Dr. Wallace is about to begin the second phase of his work, to vet his initial estimates with four Oregon counties. The selected counties are: Multnomah, Lane, Umatilla and Klamath. Over the next several weeks, he will visit those counties and meet with system partners and families.

The IT Assessment, led by Virtual Information Executives (VIE), has begun. Consultants are interviewing individuals involved in the current information systems used to track, monitor and report on youth within the target population. The initial report will be ready by March 30th.

Other committees working on project deliverables are the Education Committee, which is currently working on an education information handout and the Family and Youth Organization Committee developing the requirements for a statewide family and youth organization. X

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