

# Oregon Children's Wraparound Initiative



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## The Initiative

The Statewide Children's Wraparound Initiative is building a community-based, coordinated system of services and supports for Oregon children with complex behavioral health needs and their families. Based on System of Care Values and Principles, this effort will:

- Provide services as early as possible so children can be successful at home, in school and in their communities.
- Make services available based on individual strengths and needs of the child and family.
- Maximize resources available to serve children across systems. ❖

## Target Population

The wraparound initiative is designed to reach children and youth from birth to 18 who have emotional, behavioral or substance abuse related needs, and who touch at least two systems. This population includes children and youth who are at risk of developing problems, as well as those who already have a diagnosed problem.

## Recommendation Phase

From April to October 2007, hundreds of Oregonians were asked what they thought about transforming Oregon's current approach to service delivery for children and youth with complex behavioral health needs. Their ideas were brought to the governor appointed Steering Committee for consideration and incorporation into a report submitted to Governor Kulongowski in December 2007. Recommendations included:

- Serve all children in the target population.
- Generate family-driven and youth guided individual plans of care.
- Include culturally competent mental health, substance abuse and non-traditional services in the benefit plan.
- Blend funds at the state and local levels.
- Monitor outcomes and provide accountability through local electronic records. ❖

## Implementation Phase

Now it is time to implement the recommendations from the December 2007 report. The Statewide Children's Wraparound Initiative entered into an implementation phase in early July with the designation of a Project Team. The Team will function as an "arm of the Governor's Office" in providing management and leadership for the project. Led by Marcia Hille, former Senior Vice President of Albertina Kerr Centers and Western Regional Manager of child welfare for the Oregon Department of Human Services, the Team is made up of several members of the original Project Team. Bruce Kamradt, Director of Wraparound Milwaukee continues as the national finance consultant for the project. CareOregon, a not-for-profit organization serving Oregonians eligible for the Oregon Health Plan is the fiscal agent for the implementation phase.

This ambitious one-year project has a host of "deliverables," which include the following:

- Managing the Implementation Committee and project work committees.

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- Analyzing state-level contracts, administrative rules, statutes, federal regulations and identify changes needed to implement the System of Care.
- Submitting a multi-biennial financing strategies document.
- Conducting a market assessment which includes data on prevalence, utilization, and unmet need.
- Conducting an information system assessment which includes recommendations related to billing service and outcome data.

## Committees

All committees for this phase of the project will be focused on action steps needed to accomplish the various recommendations made in the Steering Committee Report. The primary committee will be a governor appointed Implementation Committee. Members will be charged with carrying out recommendations around the finance and accountability structures. Other project committees are:

- Regulatory - define how agencies will work together more effectively, review and finalize the draft legislative concept and review and finalize the proposed memorandum of understanding.
- Finance - develop a template that defines what elements are to be included in the budget.
- Education - identify and problem solve implementation issues and develop a communication strategy targeted to the education community.
- Market Assessment - develop a scope of work, recruit consultants and monitor progress of the market assessment.
- IT Assessment - to develop a scope of work, recruit consultants and monitor progress of the information technology assessment. ❖

## 2008-2009 Time Line

The following time line is a "snapshot" of some of the tasks that will be undertaken over the next 12 months.

- July - Contract with Project Team.
- August - Prepare draft legislation.
- August - Consider finance models from other communities.

- September - Appoint Implementation Team.
- October - Begin Market Assessment.
- October - Begin IT Assessment.
- November - Complete budget/legislative work.
- November - Submit readiness criteria for local implementation of System of Care model.
- March - Submit local accountability structure.
- March - Submit state-level governance and operations structure.
- April - Complete the plan for a family run youth-guided organization.
- May - Draft final report due.
- June - Final Report completed. ❖

## Contacts & Information

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The project website is <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/mentalhealth/wraparound/main.shtml>. ❖



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