

SYSTEMS OF CARE A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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A spectrum of effective, community-based services and supports for children and youth with or at risk for mental health 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.

An alternate definition

An adaptive network of structures, processes, and relationships grounded in system-of-care values and principles that provides children and youth with serious emotional disturbance and their families with access to and availability of necessary services and supports across administrative and funding jurisdictions.

System of Care Values

- Family Driven
- Youth Guided
- Culturally & Linguistically Competent
- Individualized
- Community-based
- Evidence-based

The bottom line...

- Systems of Care are about:
 - ▣ Philosophy
 - ▣ Service delivery
 - ▣ Financing
 - ▣ Accountability
 - ▣ Continuous Quality Improvement

Which impacts the bottom line...

- Wraparound Milwaukee (WI)
 - Significant reduction in Inpatient Psychiatric care days
 - Cost = 58% less than traditional out of home alternatives
 - Significant functional improvements (CAFAS, YSR and CBC)

Kamradt (2005)

- Westchester County (NY)
 - Significant reduction in institutional placement (1999=492/2011=151)
 - Care Coordination (using wraparound model) serving over 200 children & families
 - Significant reduction in hospitalization & residential placements
 - Sustained family-led organization operating 7-community resource centers
 - Peer Youth movement with over 60 regular participants

Orth (2010)

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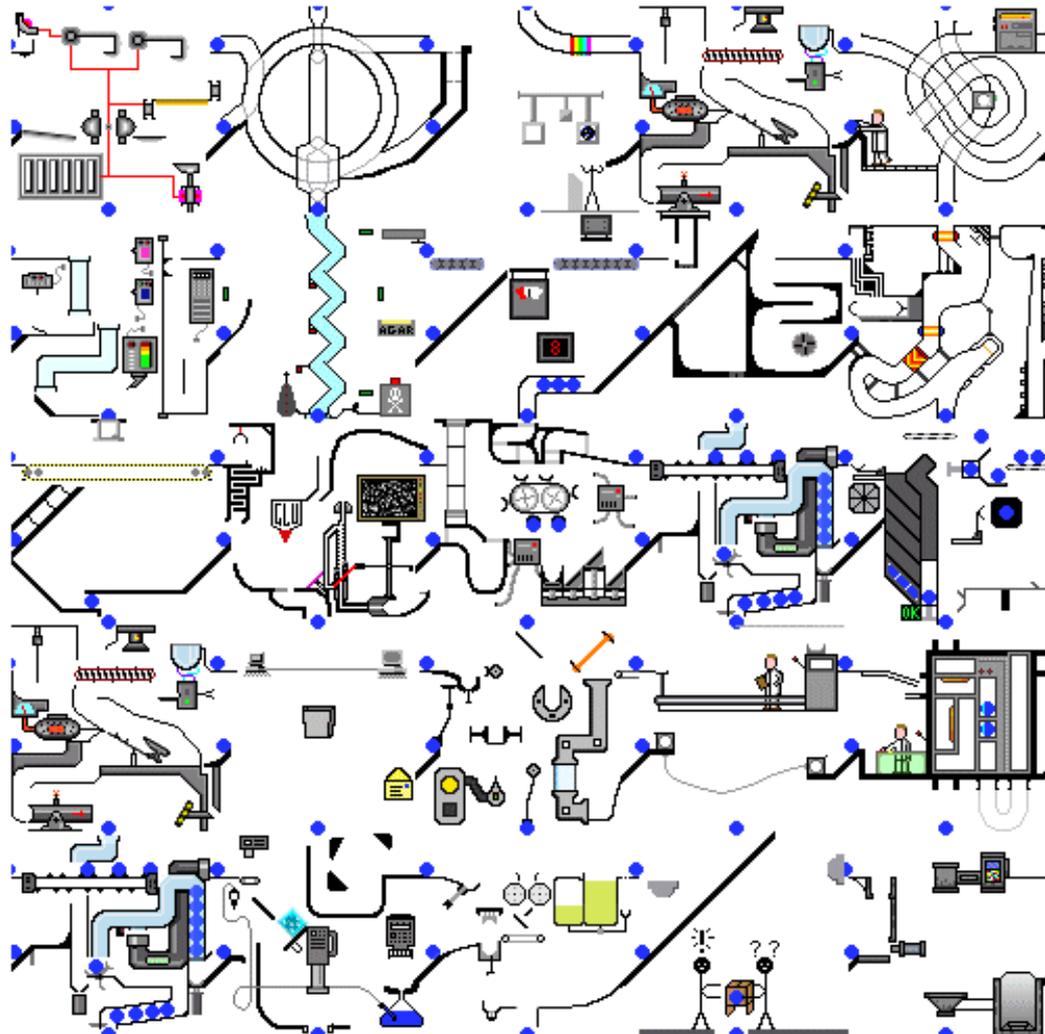
- National Evaluation of federally funded (SAMHSA) Systems of Care (22 communities)
 - ▣ Significant improvement for 44.8% on the CBC
 - ▣ Clinically significant reductions in CAFAS
 - ▣ School performance and attendance improvements
 - ▣ Reduction in law enforcement contacts

Manteuffel et al. (2002)

- Monroe County Youth & Family Partnership
 - ▣ Significant improvement for 71% on CAFAS
 - ▣ Substantial cost savings (average of nearly 60% cost reduction/enrollee)
 - ▣ Eighty-two percent (82%) of consumers rated YFP a score of eight out of ten or higher in overall satisfaction

Coordinated Care Services, Inc. (2010)

And in case you're wondering...



Thoughts & Questions

