

Specific activities include:

- parent and youth leadership development
- family and child care team meetings
- diagnostic and evaluation services
- development of individual treatment plans
- individual, family and group therapy
- care management
- home-based services
- intensive in-home family therapy
- crisis consultation and intervention
- respite care planning
- therapeutic support of foster care services
- transition to independence for the 18-21 population
- school-based mental health assessments, consultation, training and crisis intervention
- early childhood mental health prevention and intervention activities including consultation to childcare programs and pre-schools.
- family and peer mentors to help consumers and their families with unmet needs
- training opportunities on best practices, cultural and linguistic diversity, and various philosophies and guidelines of partner agencies participating in Our Children Succeed Initiative
- information to consumers, families, schools child-serving agencies and the public about mental health issues

This brochure is also available in Spanish.

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OUR CHILDREN SUCCEED INITIATIVE



A Children's Mental Health System of Care

*Serving Kittson, Mahnomon, Marshall,
Norman, Polk and Red Lake Counties*

Our Children Succeed Initiative is a partnership of children, youth, parents and caregivers who promote competent and coordinated services designed to enhance access to, and the effectiveness of, services for children and youth with social, emotional and behavioral concerns and their families in Northwestern Minnesota.

*Los servicios estan disponibles en Espanol, a
peticion del cliente.*

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Our Children Succeed Initiative is committed to serving children, youth and families in our communities who experience social, emotional and behavioral concerns. Feel free to contact us for more information or to make a referral for services.

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What is a Children's Mental Health System of Care Approach?

A Children's Mental Health System of Care involves a community network of services and supports designed to help children and youth who experience emotional, social and behavioral challenges and their families. It means that families and agencies work together to organize and plan services that help create a single, coordinated plan of action for individuals between the ages of 0-21 who are in need of mental health supports.

We receive federal and local funding and support from 26 school districts and 35 service providers. All services provided are in partnership with children, youth, parents, families and other caregivers.

Values - we believe:

- services need to reflect the culturally and linguistically diverse needs of families served including respect for heritage, customs, beliefs, and values of racial, ethnic, religious and social groups
- in a family-driven, youth-guided process to identify and carry out needed services
- a great system helps children, youth and families function better at home, in school, in the community and in life

Target population:

We serve various age groups of individuals who have a mental health diagnosis or those who are at-risk of developing a mental health need, in order to address their social, emotional and behavioral well-being:

- the early childhood population (0-5 years)
- elementary school-aged children (6-12 years)
- adolescents (13-17 years)
- young adults (18-21 years)

These individuals may also be:

- in or at-risk of an out-of-home placement
- involved in the juvenile justice system and/or the child welfare system
- struggling with substance use/abuse issues

Our goals are to:

- reach un-served, under-served at-risk children, youth and young adults and culturally and linguistically distinct populations
- apply services which research shows to be most effective
- reduce out-of-home and out-of-region placement of children
- reduce hospitalization, involvement in the juvenile justice system, truancy, school drop-out rates, homelessness and chemical abuse, while increasing employment, transition to higher education and independent housing for young adults ages 18-21
- evaluate the effectiveness of our Children's Mental Health System of Care and its array of services

Benefits for Children and Families:

- children, youth and families receive timely, effective and individualized services to stabilize family situations
- families drive the creation of treatment goals and delivery of services
- children and youth show improved social, emotional and behavioral well-being
- there is one entry point of services so families have timely access to high-quality mental health and support services

Benefits for Partners:

- services are individualized, strengths-based, family-centered, culturally relevant, community-based, and delivered close to home and in natural settings
- the most severe needs are addressed early to prevent out-of-home placements, dropping out of school or being involved in the juvenile justice system
- partners have a strong network of services to better serve children and families and deliver intended outcomes
- children, youth and families have improved social-emotional and behavioral well-being