

A System of Care is a community partnership among families, youth, schools, and public and private organizations to provide coordinated mental health services. Partners may include:

- Child Welfare
- Education
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Professionals
- Juvenile Justice
- Primary Health Care
- Families
- Youth
- Other Community Partners

A System of Care is guided by core values. These core values are:

- Family-driven
- Youth-guided
- Culturally and linguistically competent
- Community-based

This means that families and youth work in partnership with public and private organizations so services and supports are effective, build on the strengths of individuals, and address each person's cultural and linguistic needs. The System of Care aims to help children, youth, and families function better at home, in school, and in the community throughout life.

Kalamazoo Wraps is part of a national initiative of over 60 additional System of Care Communities! To learn more about Systems of Care, read this recent news release entitled Helping Youth Thrive in the Community.

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