



Increase Access to Care for Youth Across Systems

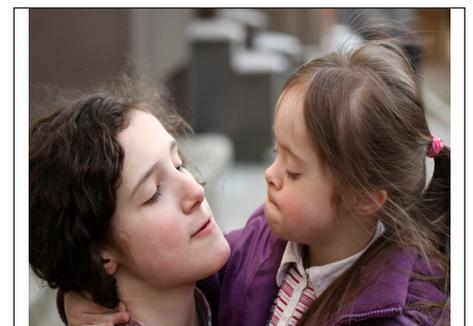
Multi-System Youth refers to a child or young person with a significant mental or emotional disorder, addiction, and/or developmental delay who is involved or at risk of being involved with two or more systems, including child protection, developmental disabilities, juvenile justice, and mental health and addiction services. State funding is needed to address the needs of Ohio's multi-system youth who are in crisis and unable to access appropriate levels of care.

Addressing the Needs of Ohio's Multi-System Youth



Reduce the need for parents to relinquish custody to children services to access treatment for their children by implementing recommendations made by the Joint Legislative Committee on Multi-System Youth.

- Establish a state-level youth and family crisis stabilization fund at \$33 million per year to prevent custody relinquishment and address the needs of youth and families in crisis and unable to access appropriate levels of care.
- Establish a unified strategy for data collection and sharing across child serving systems to identify resource utilization, service unitization patterns and gaps, and monitor outcomes.
- Require the Ohio Department of Medicaid to submit a State Plan Amendment or Waiver Request to offer High-Fidelity Wraparound Services to coordinate the care, services, and supports that youth and their families need to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services no later than December 31, 2017.
- Sustain and expand peer services to assist multi-system involved youth and their families.
- Modernize the functioning of Family Children First Council.
- Independent evaluation of access to children's and youth's residential and inpatient mental health treatment in Ohio.
- Maintain a robust cross-agency collaborative body focused on Ohio youth, including education, child welfare, behavioral health, developmental disabilities, and juvenile justice stakeholders.



Expand state resources to keep Ohio children at home.

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