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*"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."*

— Frederick Douglass



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# What is the Arkansas System of Care?

**The Arkansas System of Care (AR SOC)** “incorporates a broad array of services and supports organized into a coordinated network, integrates care planning and management across multiple levels, is culturally and linguistically competent, and builds meaningful partnerships with families and youth at service delivery and policy levels.”

— Sheila Pires

*Act 1593 of 2007 established the framework for a System of Care for children's behavioral health in Arkansas.*

## THE SYSTEM OF CARE APPROACH:

- Is family-driven, child-centered and youth-guided;
- Supports and promotes evidence-based practices that guide services and public expenditures;
- Provides customized, culturally competent, community-based, services;
- Offers the least restrictive care; and,
- Utilizes a team-based approach to treatment decisions across local providers, stakeholders and experts to address service needs.

## What resources exist in my community to support the Arkansas System of Care?

- **Care Coordinating Councils (CCC):** are established in 14 regions across the state, allowing child and youth serving agencies, families, and community partners to collaborate and communicate. The CCCs meet regularly to collaborate, prevent the duplication of efforts, review outcomes, and to address community service barriers.
- **Arkansas Wraparound:** is a process that coordinates family-driven and strengths-based individualized care. Wraparound helps keep children and youth with their families and in their homes, communities, and school. Wraparound facilitators are responsible for leading each family's individualized team through the Wraparound process.

- **Flexible Funds:** are available to provide non-traditional services and supports such as respite, tutoring, mentoring, activity fees, parenting education, transportation, emergency environmental needs (adaptive housing and living needs) and more. Wraparound providers have access to their local CCC's Wraparound flexible funding.



**What does the System of Care look like?**

- Service Delivery Level
- Local Level
- State Level

