

## WHO CAN BECOME A MEMBER?

Membership in the local Systems of Care Committee is open to the public and should include, but is not limited to:

- Parents/Caregivers
- Grandparents
- Extended Family Members
- Transitional Aged Youth (ages 14-20)
- Community Service Providers
- Business Community Representatives
- Youth and Recreation Personnel
- Child & Youth-Based Community Activity Providers
- Faith-based Organizations
- School Personnel
- Community Service Organizations
- Parent/Professional Advocacy League Representative
- Department of Developmental Services
- Department of Public Health
- Department of Children and Families
- Department of Youth Services
- Organizations interested in Providing Financial Resources through Grants/Scholarships to Families in Need
- Volunteers in Child/Youth-based Activities and Organizations



**Community Service Agency (CSA) and Systems of Care Committee (SOC)** covers cities and towns in the Greater Taunton/Attleboro area.

Call for details or visit the website below:

Coordinated through  
Community Counseling of Bristol County's  
**COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY**  
One Washington Street  
Taunton, MA 02780  
508.828.9116

WEBSITE:

[www.comcounseling.org](http://www.comcounseling.org)

► **Child and Family Services**

► **Community Service Agency**



Greater Taunton/Attleboro Area

## SYSTEMS OF CARE COMMITTEE

**Promoting Family Voices  
To Nurture Integration  
among Formal and  
Informal Community  
Resources**



*The Community Service Agency and Systems of Care Committee is a provision of the Massachusetts Behavioral Health Initiative which began on July 1, 2009.*



## WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCY?

The **Community Service Agency (CSA)** is a community-based organization whose function is to facilitate access and coordination of care for youth with serious emotional disturbance who require or are already utilizing multiple services or child serving systems (e.g. child welfare, special education, juvenile justice, mental health).



The CSA uses the Wraparound process as a way to improve the lives of children with complex needs and their families. It is not a program or a service and is open to members with a Mass Health Behavioral Health insurance component. The key characteristics of the Wraparound process are that a plan is developed by a family-centered team, is individualized based on the strengths and culture of the child and their family, and is needs-based rather than service-driven.

## WHAT IS THE SYSTEMS OF CARE COMMITTEE?

The **Systems of Care Committee** is intended to support the Community Service Agency's efforts in their local geographic area to establish and sustain collaborative partnerships among families, parent/family organizations, traditional and non-traditional service providers, community organizations, state agencies, faith-based groups, local schools, Mass Health and its contracted Managed Care Entities (MCEs), and other community stakeholders.

The local Systems of Care Committee ensures that the Care Coordination of the Community Service Agency is in sync with other service delivery systems, with state agency services, and with informal helpers and community resources. The Systems of Care Committee meets monthly to coordinate and integrate family voice into current community resources, to identify additional supports, and work together to offer a variety of choices to families without always having to recruit agency providers.

## WHEN ARE MEETINGS HELD?

Systems of Care Committee meetings are held each month, usually on the fourth Tuesday of the month. You do not need an invitation to attend.

To learn about the next meeting date, time, and location, please contact the Community Service Agency Director at 508.977.8185, or by sending an email to [lalmeida@comcounseling.org](mailto:lalmeida@comcounseling.org)

