

AB 2083: Children and Youth System of Care

California Health and Human Services and
California Department of Education

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Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Overview of AB 2083: System of Care
- Budget 2021-22
- Review: *Recommendations to the Legislature on Identified Placement and Service Gaps for Children and Youth in Foster Care who have Experienced Severe Trauma (October 2020)*
- Multiyear Plan for Increasing Capacity
- Engagement and Feedback
- Next Steps
- Questions

Overview of AB 2083: System of Care

W&I Code 16521.6

What is AB 2083? (1)

[Assembly Bill 2083](#) (Chapter 815, Statutes of 2018), requires each county to develop and implement a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlining the roles and responsibilities of the various local entities that serve children and youth in foster care who have experienced severe trauma.

The legislation is focused on the child welfare system, but can and must be expanded to look at children and youth served by various other systems.

Source: The California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS), <https://www.chhs.ca.gov/home/system-of-care/>

What is AB 2083? (2)

The legislation calls for the following deliverables:

- Development of a MOU between local partners including child welfare, regional centers, county offices of education, probation, and county behavioral health
- Development of State MOU Guidance
- Process to request technical assistance (TA) from State Interagency Resolution Team
- Analysis of Gaps in Placement Types, Services, or Other Issues
- Development of a Multiyear Plan for Increasing Capacity

Integrated System of Care

System of Care is a service delivery approach that builds partnerships to create a broad, integrated process for meeting families' multiple needs.

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The Mission

The California Health and Human Services Agency, in partnership with state and local partners, and stakeholders has identified the **mission** of the Child and Youth System of Care State TA Team to be:

- Promoting collaboration and communication across systems to meet the needs of children, youth and families;
- Supporting timely access to trauma-informed services for children and youth; and
- Resolving TA requests by counties and partner agencies, as requested, to meet the needs of children and youth.

Who is Involved AB 2083?

Child and Youth System of Care State Technical Assistance Team includes:

- California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS)
- Department of Social Services (DSS)
- Department of Developmental Services (DDS)
- Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
- California Department of Education (CDE)
- Tribal Governments
- Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)*



*Not a required partner per AB 2083



Local Children and Youth System of Care Partners

Local Child and Youth System of Care partners includes:

- County Child Welfare
- County Juvenile Probation
- County Behavioral/Mental Health
- County Office of Education
- Regional Center
- Tribal Governments
- Department of Rehabilitation Regional Offices (DOR)*

*Not a required partner in AB 2083

MOU Components

- Interagency Leadership Team
- Integrated Core Practice Model
- Information and Data Sharing
- Screening, Assessment, and Entry to Care
- Child and Family Teaming
- Interagency Placement Committee
- Alignment and Coordination of Services
- Staff Recruitment, Training, and Coaching
- Financial Resource Management
- Dispute Resolution Process
- Resource Families and Therapeutic Foster Care Services
- Tribal Consultation with federally recognized tribes for engagement and coordination for ongoing implementation

State Level Technical Assistance Calls

After the local dispute resolution process has been exhausted, local partners can request Technical Assistance for:

1 System of Care Development and Practice Implementation

2 Child or Youth Specific Challenges

State Technical Assistance

TA Call Request

- Form Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZJNKLKY>
- Email: SystemofCare@DSS.CA.GOV

AB 2083 MOU Webinars

- Power Points can be found on the [System of Care Webpage](#)
- Recordings can be found on the [System of Care landing page](#)

Budget 2021-2022

Investments to Support California's Youth

California Health and Human Services Agency

- Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative: \$4.4 billion over (5) five years

**Including \$2.3 billion one-time, \$300 million General Fund and certain federal matching funds ongoing starting in 2022-23*

California Department of Social Services

- Children's Crisis Residential 5 Year Pilot: \$60 M
- Child Specific Requests for Exceptional Needs: \$ 18.1M
- County Capacity Building for High Quality Continuum:
\$43.2 M
- FFPSA: \$254.2 M

Department of Health Care Services

- CalAIM Updates: streamlining access for children in child welfare – FY21/22 \$1.62 billion
- BH Continuum Infrastructure Program: building out BH capacity – FY 21/22 \$743.5 million
- Foster Care Model of Care: improving coordination of care and expanding services for children in child welfare - TBD

California Department of Education

- AB 130 funds for Foster Youth Services Coordinator Program Direct Services: \$30 million
- School Health Demonstration Project: \$5 million
- CDE infrastructure investments and reorganization to support integrated care for students:
 - Office of School-Based Behavioral Health
 - Medi-Cal Billing Guidance Coordinator
 - Whole Child Division
- Community Schools Partnership Act: \$2.8 billion
- Universal Pre-Kindergarten
- Expanded Learning Opportunities
- Universal Meals/Nutrition

California Department of Developmental Services

- Provisional Eligibility: \$23.8 million
- Deaf Services Specialists: \$2.6 million
- START (Systemic, Therapeutic, Assessment, Resources, and Treatment): \$16.6 million
- Social Recreation and Camping Services: \$29.4 million
- Enhanced Service Coordination: \$12.8 million
- Grants for Enhanced Community Integration for Children and Adolescents: \$12.5 million
- Group Homes for Persons with Special Health Care Needs: Authority

Per AB 2083: Identify Gaps in Placement Types, Services, or Other Issues

W&I Code 16521.6(b)(1)(B)(ii)(3)

[Recommendations to the Legislature on Identified Placement and Service Gaps for Children and Youth In Foster Care Who Have Experienced Severe Trauma](#)

Phased Approach to Reviewing Identified Placement and Service Gaps

- **Phase I:** Mapping Current Continuum and Identifying State and Local Data
- **Phase II:** Local Capacity Gap Determinations Related to Placement Settings and Service Networks
- **Phase III:** Planning to Address Identified Capacity Gaps Using System of Care Approach

Multiyear Plan for Increasing Capacity

(W&I Code 16521.6(b)(1)(B)(ii)(3))

Proposal for Engagement and Eliciting Feedback

- Craft meaningful questions to gather input
- Collect responses on the questions via a short survey format
- Incorporate feedback in the Multiyear Plan Report

Feedback on the Questions

Think of these question in terms of:

- Cross-system coordination and collaboration (including education, tribes and regional centers)
- Training and provider competencies
- Educational stability and outcomes
- Outreach and prevention
- Pre-Crisis intervention
- Stabilization
- Mental Health, medical, dental

Question #1

What is working well in supporting youth in care with complex needs?

Question #2

For youth in care with complex needs, what do you see as the biggest barrier(s)/gap(s) in **accessing the least restrictive setting(s)** throughout the continuum, including:

- 1) Wraparound: Reunification and Family Maintenance
- 2) Family-based Emergency Options
- 3) Kin/Relative, Foster Family Options
- 4) Professional Parent Options
- 5) Residential Options
- 6) Acute-Crisis Options

Question #3

For youth in care with complex needs, what do you see as the biggest barrier(s)/gap(s) in **services which ensure access** to the least restrictive setting(s) throughout the continuum.

Question #4

For youth in care with complex needs, what do you see as the biggest barrier(s)/gap(s) in ***supports needed to ensure access*** to the least restrictive setting(s) throughout the continuum.

Question #5

Based on your previous responses, please identify your top (5) five suggestions/recommendations to address gaps in supports, services and settings which ensure access to highly dynamic and family-based settings for youth with complex needs in your community.

Next Steps

- Survey
- Multiyear Plan drafted
- Review of the draft Multiyear Plan with stakeholders: November 2021

Questions?