

*“CHANGE YOUR THOUGHTS
AND YOU CHANGE YOUR
WORLD.”*

Norman Vincent Peale Author of The Power of Positive Thinking



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PROJECT CONNECT

*“All Children . . .
Whatever They
Need.”*

What is a System of Care?

System of Care is a philosophy of how care should be delivered. The System of Care approach recognizes the importance of family, school and community, and seeks to promote the full potential of every child and youth by addressing their physical, emotional, intellectual, cultural and social needs.

When children with mental health needs receive coordinated services, their functioning substantially improves at school, home and in their community. The System of Care is designed to not only assist families in navigating the complex service delivery system, but also to decrease the stigma associated with mental health challenges.

FROM	TO
Individualized silos	Community collaboration/ownership
Unmet needs of children and families	Coordinated and comprehensive service array
Growing cultural awareness	Cultural competence
Token family involvement	Families as partner and active participants
Problem focused/driven	Needs driven and individualized
No uniform community-based outcomes	Community-based and results-oriented accountability

What is Family-Driven Care?

Family-driven means families have a primary decision making role in the care of their children, as well as the policies and procedures governing care for all children in their community.



What is Youth-Guided?

Youth-guided means that young people have the right to be empowered, educated, and given a decision-making role in their own care as well as the policies and procedures governing care for all youth in their community.

Project Connect

Our mission is to provide a seamless System of

Care for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances in Saline, Gallatin, and White Counties that is :

- family-driven
- youth guided
- strengths based
- sustainable
- culturally and linguistically competent

Population of Focus

Project Connect will serve all children with serious emotional disturbances in these three counties, but will also target three groups that are particularly in need of additional support:

- youth transitioning to adulthood (age 16 – 21)
- youth receiving special education services
- youth undergoing major developmental transitions (into grade school, into middle school, and into high school)