

# ENGAGE



ENGAGING THE NEW GENERATION TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS THROUGH EMPOWERMENT

## Mission

To develop a statewide system of care framework that coordinates and adapts policy, fiscal and administrative actions to support the transition of Ohio's youth and young adults to adulthood.

## Vision

The State of Ohio's policy, fiscal and administrative actions operate from a system of care framework to achieve improved outcomes for youth and young adults in transition.



## Target Population

Youth and young adults in transition (YYAT), ages 14 – 21 years, with serious emotional disturbances or serious mental illnesses, including co-occurring disorders, and multi-system needs.

## What is a System of Care?



A system of care is a spectrum of effective, community-based services and supports for children and youth with mental health challenges, and their families, that is:

- Coordinated;
  - Built on meaningful partnerships with families and youth; and
  - Addresses cultural and linguistic needs
- to **help them function better** at home, in school, at work, in the community, and throughout life.

## Management Team

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## System of Care Approach

- Organizational framework to improve delivery of effective mental health and supportive services to children, youth and young adults (ages 0 – 21).
- SAMHSA investment began in 1992.
- Ohio's System of Care Counties funded:
  - Stark and Southeastern Ohio Counties
  - Cuyahoga TAPESTRY
  - Hamilton JOURNEY
  - Clermont FAST TRAC

## Funding

This project is funded by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Ohio Department of Mental Health serves as the project's administrative agent and lead agency.

- The award = \$772,095.00
- Ohio was one of 24 awardees; the project was selected under a competitive review process.



## Timeline

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