

***Building Systems of Care Self-Assessment and Sustainability Grid***

Common Elements	Strengths	Challenges	Actions/Technical Assistance
1. Consensus on Values and Principles			
2. Family & Youth Partnership			
3. Cultural & Linguistic Competence			
4. Effective Planning Structures; State/Local/Tribe/Broad Community Involvement			
5. Identified Populations of Focus and Outcomes to Be Achieved			

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6. Consensus on Practice Model (Strength-based/Individualized/Culturally Competent, etc.)			
7. Clear System Design for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Prevention</li> <li>➤ Early Identification and Intervention</li> <li>➤ Locus of Accountability and Intensive Care Coordination for Children with Intensive Needs</li> </ul>			
8. Shared Governance-Policy and Oversight with Shared Responsibility			

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9. Administration/Management Structures for Accountability (e.g., utilization management, quality improvement, data)			
10. Broad Provider Network/Services and Supports, including Natural Helpers and Mobile Response			
11. Identified Financing Strategies (beyond grants)			
12. Re-Engineering Residential Treatment Centers			
13. Judiciary Buy-In			

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14. Training and Technical Assistance Plans Tied to System Goals			
15. Effective Social Marketing Strategies			
16. Infusion of System of Care Values, Policies, Practices, Design Across Systems			

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