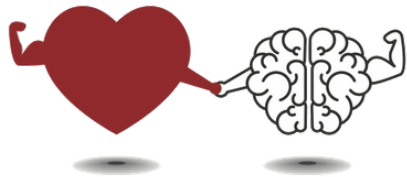


POLICY INITIATIVES



IMPROVE ACCESS TO CHILD MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Building **local systems of care** for child mental health that improve all access points

Increase mental health consultation and socio-emotional **supports in schools and early childhood settings**

Statewide **child mental health outcome tracking**: establish baseline and tracking key indicators across systems

Increase the use of **trauma-informed practices** in a range of settings including schools to support children exposed to adverse childhood experiences

Identify and build upon **protective factors within families**

BARRIERS

Lack of School-based Mental Health Services

Insufficient socio-emotional and mental health supports for children and youth in schools and early childhood settings.

Disincentives to Provide Child Mental Health Care

Mental health coverage lags far behind in public and private health insurance plans

Inadequate Coordination of Care

Need for more child- and family-focused alignment and coordination of care for better results

POLICY INITIATIVES

- Increase capacity of schools and early childhood settings to identify, assess, treat, support children with socioemotional or mental health concerns
- Address payment barriers for school-based care within Medicaid (coverage/rates)
- Create supportive schools- community schools, wellness training, trauma-informed
- Advocacy to increase reimbursement (with quality indicators) for mental health care, including MCO payment in Medicaid, crisis services
- Reduce filing/administrative burdens for mental health provider billing
- Increase flexibility of payment for team-based treatment, family-oriented payment, etc.
- Move toward local systems of care with all child-serving systems involving in planning, gaps analysis, and mental health system improvements
- Better use of technology to improve I & R, create shared health records, track outcomes across systems
- Create standardized mental health indicators and tools across systems (medical, community-based, schools)
- Integration of mental health in primary care services, including improving communication/coordination across providers