

# Children's Mental Health

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# **Current Landscape**

#### 14-20%

Estimated annual percentage of young people with mental health needs.

#### 1:5

Number of children who have mental, emotional or behavioral disorders.



# **Current Landscape**

Suicides are the second leading cause of death among adolescents.

If untreated, mental health conditions that develop during adolescence can persist into adulthood.

Access to services is a challenge.



### **Challenges Accessing Care**



Access to an array of mental health services





Reliance on out of home placements

Workforce recruitment and retention



# Funding

Children's mental health services are financed through various federal, state, and local agencies.



- Child protective services
- Mental health
- Juvenile justice
- Education
- Medicaid
- Medicaid waivers
- Private insurance

### **Possible Solutions**

- Engagement across sectors/agencies/funders
- Early identification
- Access to a full array of needed treatments/interventions
- Inclusion of family partners, community health workers and peer support specialists
- Multi-sector children's mental health strategic plan (local and state coordination)
- Workforce initiatives focused on children's mental health professionals
- Suicide prevention programs



### Services to Improve Access







Home-based services







Primary and mental health service integration



Measurement-based care



Alternatives to foster care and out-of-home placements



School-based services



Intensive outpatient services



## **Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium**

Established through Senate Bill 11 of the 86th Legislative Session to:

- 1. Leverage the expertise and the capacity of the health -related institutions of higher education in Texas to:
  - address urgent mental health challenges;
  - improve the mental health care system in this state in relation to children and adolescents; and
- 2. Enhance the state's ability to address mental health care needs of children and adolescents through collaboration of the health -related institutions of higher education.



# Texas Child Mental Health Care Consortium Programs

More info at www.tcmhcc.utsystem.edu/





Child Psychiatry Access Network (CPAN)



Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine



Community Psychiatry Workforce Expansion



Child & Adolescent Psychiatry (CAP) Fellowships



Children's Mental Health Research

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