

# CHILDREN'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION INITIATIVE

*A comprehensive plan to transform the children's behavioral health service system to provide clear, consistent, and comprehensive guidance for families seeking behavioral and mental health services for the children and youth in their care.*

The Transformation Initiative will **accomplish five goals:**



- **Increase capacity** – to have enough of the needed services
- **Streamline processes** – so that services can be easily accessed
- **Intervene earlier** – so that acute crises can be prevented
- **Increase accountability** – so that there is transparency in service delivery
- **Develop agility** – so that systems can be responsive to the changing needs of the youth population

## SHORT TERM (1 - 6 months)

- Build care portal and begin service changes
- Reframe advocacy organization role
- Require provider information sharing

## MEDIUM TERM (1 - 2 years)

- Stand up parent leadership
- Fortify regional infrastructure
- Adjust residential and inpatient bed capacity

## LONG TERM

- Transform workforce
- Implement risk adjustment, case mix approach, and guidelines for residential providers
- Universal screening for mental health challenges in schools

## TRANSFORMATION STRATEGIES

1. **Create a centralized resource**
2. **Improve service coordination**
3. **Centralize oversight of residential beds**
4. **Implement resource referral technology**
5. **Regular data analytic review**
6. **Adjust rates**
7. **Increase capacity**
8. **Partner with providers**
9. **Offer universal screenings**
10. **Facilitate information sharing**
11. **Build the workforce**
12. **Strengthen community networks**

