

Blair County Partnership Memorandum of Understanding

I. Purpose

The Blair County Partnership, which is a collaboration of Blair County System of Care (SOC) and Child and Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP), invites you to join our County Leadership Team (CLT). The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to formalize the partnership between

and
the Blair County CLT.

Participants of the CLT will agree to the mutual roles and expectations as described below.

II. Blair County Partnership Concept

The purpose of the Pennsylvania System of Care Partnership Expansion and Sustainability Initiative (SOC Partnership) is to improve behavioral health outcomes for children and youth (birth-21) with serious emotional disturbances and their families. This will be done, in part, by integrating SOC and CASSP principles into the work we all do.

System of Care Partnership/CASSP Values and Principles

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| ☐ Youth driven | ☐ Family driven |
| ☐ Strengths-based | ☐ Individualized |
| ☐ Evidence-based | ☐ Home and Community-based |
| ☐ Trauma-informed | ☐ Integrated Systems |
| ☐ Accessible and Cost Effective | ☐ Data Informed, Quality and Outcomes-Oriented |
| ☐ Natural Supports and Networks | ☐ Culturally and Linguistically Competent |

III. County Leadership Team

The County Leadership Team is charged with supporting the Blair County Partnership initiatives which are comprised of SOC and CASSP goals. The CLT will strive to include an equal number of youth and family members, who are representative of the population of focus. The CLT will also partner with leaders from child-serving systems (Juvenile Justice, Child Welfare, Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol, Education, Physical Health, Intellectual Developmental Disabilities, Vocational, and Recreational) along with adult systems that focus on supporting transitions to adulthood. The CLT will meet regularly to make decisions and to develop and implement policies that establish and assure the sustainability of the Blair County Partnership.

IV. Partnership

The Blair County Leadership Team will agree to:

- A. Provide training and marketing materials related to the Pennsylvania and Blair County Partnership goals.
- B. Support efforts and provide technical assistance and collaborative marketing for initiatives established by the CLT.
- C. Provide compensation to families and youth that are interested in joining the Blair County Partnership.
- D. Provide feedback in a timely manner from data collection in a way that is relevant to improving access and quality of services.

Partner Expectations:

- A. Attend most County Leadership Team meetings which are scheduled bi-monthly
- B. Be contributing members and actively partner with one another to improve services and supports to youth and families
- C. Members of the CLT are expected to communicate and contribute to discussions and are encouraged to assist with any action items identified under the Partnership.
- D. Members should be champions for System of Care/CASSP within their communities and organizations by educating others about the Partnership and the work of the CLT
- E. Utilize and display the System of Care/CASSP Values and Principles and represent the strengths, concerns and recommendations of the youth and family in the organizations and communities in which they are involved
- F. Help recruit family and youth members for the CLT
- G. Support initiatives through promotion, participation, and hosting of Partnership efforts, such as public awareness campaigns, community and agency-based trainings, and data collection.
- H. Will have one vote per agency as a voting member of the CLT.

V. Term of Memorandum of Understanding:

The CLT will review the progress and success of the MOU for all members annually. Nothing in the terms of this MOU shall be deemed to create any agency, employer, or officer relationship between the parties. Each party further agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless the other, its officers, agents and employees.

Name & Title

System/Organization

Signature

Date

System of Care Coordinator

Date