

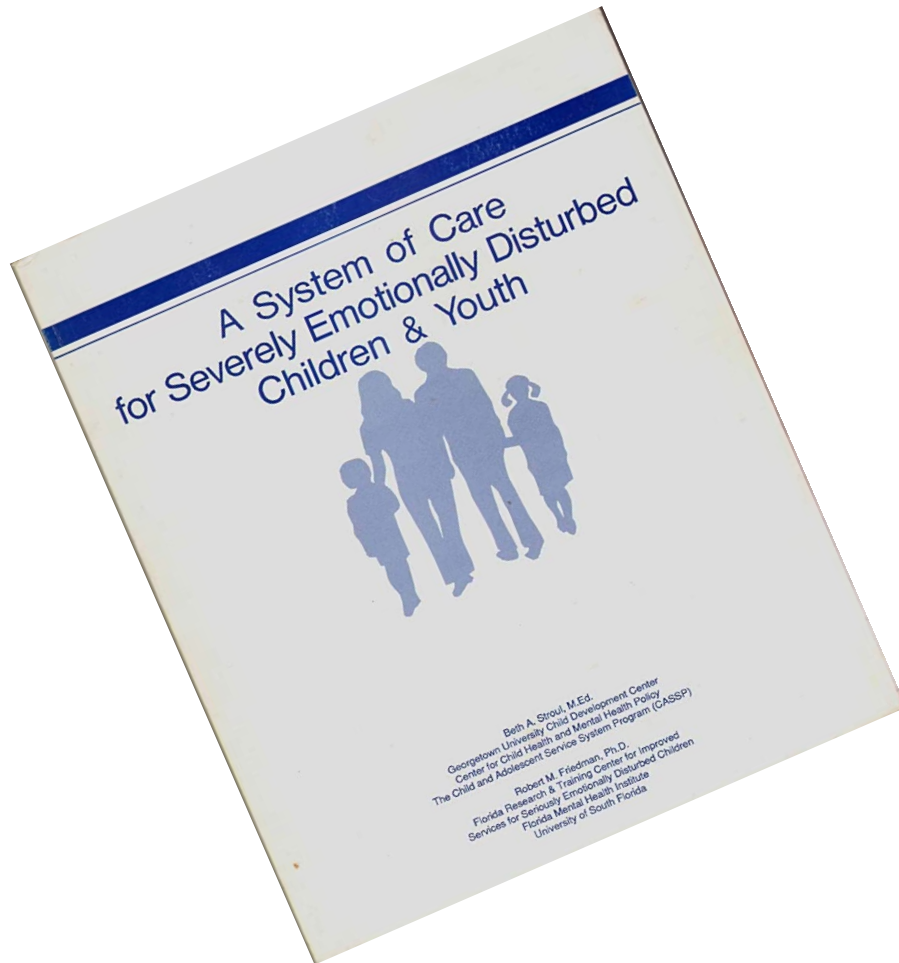


CABINET FOR HEALTH  
AND FAMILY SERVICES

State Interagency Council for Services and Supports  
to Children & Transition Age Youth (SIAC)  
Overview

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# Kentucky's Alignment with System of Care (SOC) Approach



*The system of care concept holds that all **life domains** and needs should be considered rather than addressing mental health treatment needs in isolation, and so systems of care are organized around overlapping dimensions.*

Pires, S. (2002). *Building Systems of Care: A Primer*

# Brief History



## Federal

- Mid 1980s: System of care (SOC) approach introduced
- 1986: First SOC monograph, definition, core values, guiding principles
- Late 1980s – 1990s: Federal grant programs to support states and local sites
- 1994, 2010, 2021: Definition, philosophy, and components updated
- Ongoing: Continuous Quality Improvement

## Kentucky

- Mid 1980s: Received CASSP grant
- 1989: Received RWJ grant (IMPACT) for regional pilot of SOC approach
- 1990: Statute established IMPACT Statewide
- 1998: First SOC grant
- 2004, 2008, 2012, 2019: subsequent SOC grants
- Ongoing: Continuous Quality Improvement

# System of Care

## ***What it IS***

- Organizational framework for system reform
- Value base for systems & services
- A guide to implement in a way that is flexible for innovation
- Adaptive based on context and environment
- Applicable to different age groups, levels of need, different populations, agencies, and cultural groups

## ***What it is NOT***

- Exact model to be replicated
- Single program
- Discreet treatment or clinical intervention that directly improves child and family outcomes without accompanying ***changes at the practice level***



**System Change + Practice Change**  
**= IMPROVED OUTCOMES!**

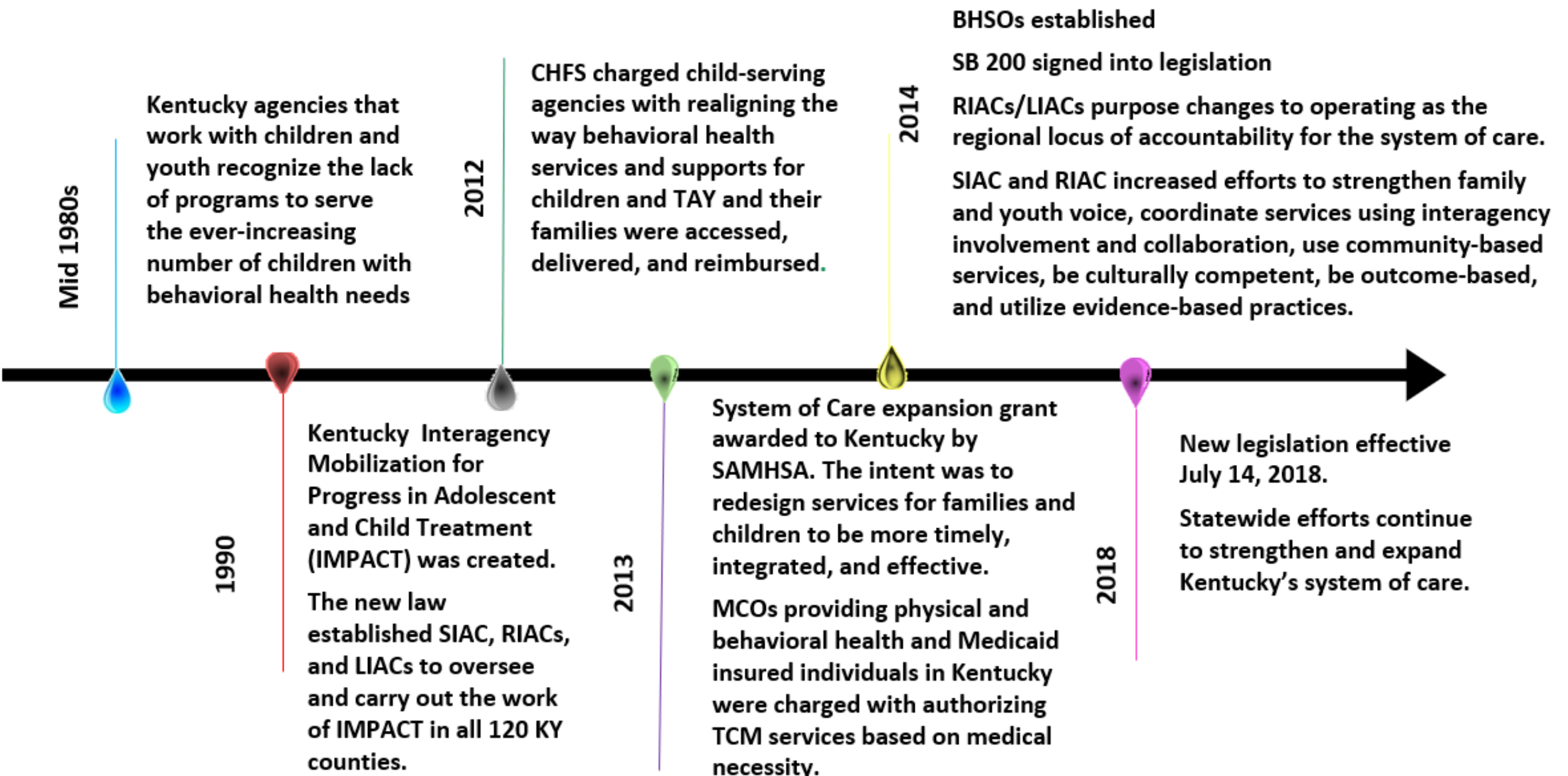
# System of Care

A spectrum of **effective** community-based **services and supports** for children and transition-age youth, with or at risk of behavioral health needs or other challenges, and their families that...

- Is organized into a **coordinated network**,
- **Builds meaningful partnerships with families and youth**, and
- Addresses their cultural and linguistic needs



...in order to help them function better at home, in school, in the community, and throughout life.



## THE EVOLUTION OF KENTUCKY'S REGIONAL INTERAGENCY COUNCILS



# System of Care Core Values\*

A  
System of Care  
IS:



**Youth- & Family-Driven**



**Community-Based**



**Culturally- & Linguistically-  
Responsive**



# System of Care Guiding Principles\*

Children, Youth, & Families have access to:

A comprehensive array of services and supports that are:

- Individualized, strength based
- Trauma-informed
- Developmentally appropriate
- Provided in the least restrictive, natural environment

Utilizing:

- Evidenced-informed practices and practice-based evidence
- Partnerships with families and youth at all levels

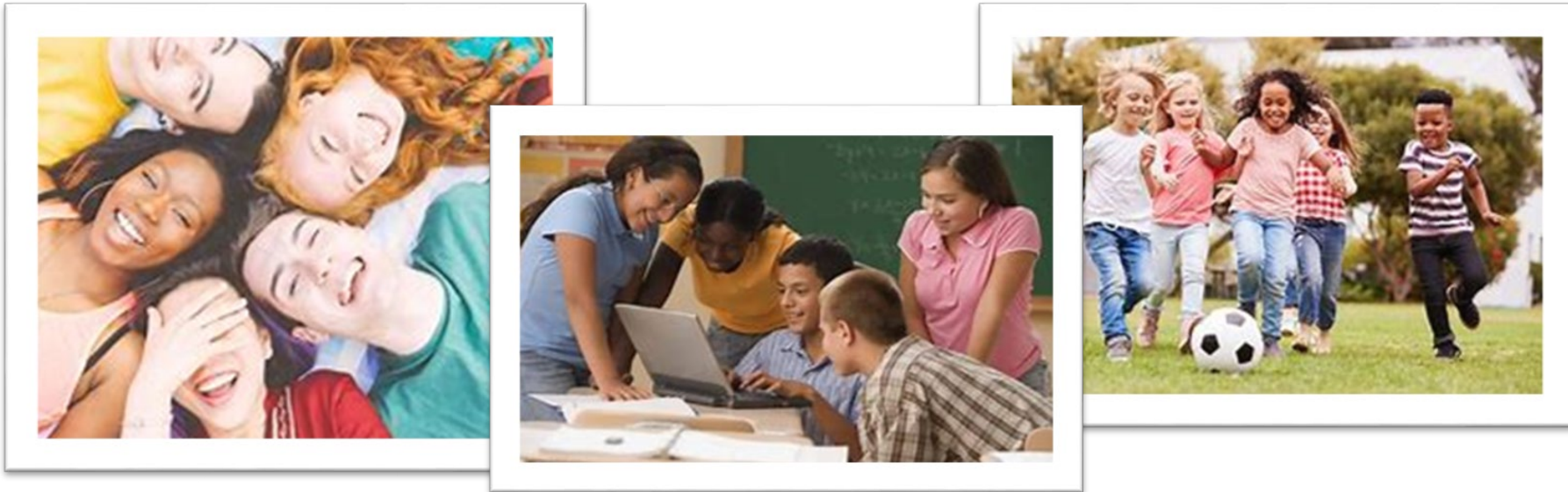
- Interagency collaboration at the system level
- Care coordination at the service delivery level
- Health-mental health integration
- Public health approach
- Mental health equity
- Data driven and accountability

That protect their rights and promote advocacy.



# SIAC & RIAC Mission

Promoting healthy children and transition-age youth across Kentucky:  
Building a collaborative system of care (SOC) to promote children's and transition-age youth's social, emotional and behavioral well-being where they live, learn, work, and play.





**KRS 200.501-200.505**

- History: Statutorily created body in **1990**
- **Monthly meeting** of membership:
  - Commissioner-level representatives from 12 state agencies (across 5 Cabinets) that serve children, transition-age youth, and their families;
  - Nonprofit Family Organization;
  - Youth Representative;
  - Parent Representative; and
  - Subcommittee for Equity & Justice for All Youth (SEJAY).

# SIAC Mandated Membership

KRS 200.505



# SIAC Purpose

Per KRS 200.505 (Revised July 14, 2018):

- Make annual recommendations to the Governor and Legislative Research Commission
- Direct Regional Interagency Councils (RIACs) to:
  - Operate as regional locus of accountability for the SOC
  - Participate in Family Accountability, Intervention, and Response (FAIR) Teams
- Assess effectiveness of RIACs
- Meet at least monthly
- Develop a comprehensive array of services and supports
- Adopt interagency agreements as necessary

**2022-2023 ANNUAL RECOMMENDATIONS**  
**to the Governor and Legislative Research Commission**  
State Interagency Council (SIAC)  
for Services and Supports to Children and Transition-Age Youth


**RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY**

The SIAC seeks, in all recommended actions, to create, promote, and provide an environment of diversity, equity and inclusion for all children, youth, families, and service providers regardless of race, age, color, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, and socioeconomic background.

That the commonwealth:

1. Address the worsening crisis in child, adolescent, and young adult mental health by supporting the design, implementation, and monitoring of a state children's behavioral health plan to build and fund comprehensive and coordinated evidence-based, evidence-informed, and culturally-responsive behavioral health services, programs, and supports for the children, adolescents, and young adults and their families of Kentucky.
2. Change Kentucky Revised Statutes to take into account the developmental ages and stages of children and youth and enact developmentally-responsive laws.
3. Support legislative efforts to identify and eliminate disproportionality and disparities among all agencies and prioritize equitable service delivery to children and transition-age youth and their families.
4. Require all public school districts to participate in the statewide administration, at least biennially, of a student-completed population-based surveillance survey designed to anonymously gauge middle and high school student mental health and suicidality, use of substances, interpersonal conflict, perceptions of school safety, and risk and protective factors.
5. Amend Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 600.050 to clarify that relinquishment of custody is not a condition for receipt of behavioral health services delivered or funded by the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) to reduce the unnecessary relinquishment of parental custody with the goal of preventing children, youth, and/or their families from becoming involved with DCBS.
6. Modify Kentucky Administrative Regulations regarding leave requirements for classified employees (101 KAR 2:102) to allow (1) the use of sick time to address behavioral health needs and for those responsible for the care for or transport of a member of the employee's immediate family for behavioral health care and (2) the use of sick leave for these purposes to be at the discretion of the employee.
7. Utilize data systems and health records, to include fields that collect needed and preferred American Disability Act, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 accommodations, for agencies to meet each person's unique disability and needs.

Per KRS 200.505, the State Interagency Council (SIAC) for Services and Supports to Children and Transition-age Youth is required to make recommendations annually to the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission regarding the system of care for children and transition-age youth with or at risk of behavioral health needs.

  
State Interagency Council  
<http://dbhidid.ky.gov/dbh/siac.aspx>

# RIAC Accountability

- Per **KRS. 200.505** State Interagency Council for Services and Supports to Children and Transition-age Youth (SIAC) shall:
  - Direct each RIAC to
    - Operate as the regional locus of accountability for the system of care;
    - Participate on FAIR teams; and
  - Assess effectiveness of RIACs in serving as the locus of accountability for the system of care for children and transition-age youth with or at risk of behavioral health needs
- The SIAC shall, with assistance from the SIAC Administrator, ensure periodic review of the RIAC policies and procedures. The SIAC and RIAC Administrators will make periodic site visits to RIAC meetings to:
  - Provide coaching and support to RIACs in the development of the RIAC's Action Plan;
  - Provide technical assistance and support around policies and procedures that support implementation of the Action Plan; and
  - Ensure RIACs are implementing and periodically updating their regional Action Plans.

# SIAC Standing Committees

Open membership

Meet monthly in open meeting format

## 4 Committees

- Disabilities
- Racial, Ethnic, & Equity Disparities
- Social & Emotional Health & Well-being
- Service Array

Complete tasks based on SIAC's strategic plan

Provide quarterly updates to SIAC

