

Behavioral Health Resources for Schools

System of Care

Nebraska’s System of Care (NeSOC) is not a program but rather a different way of doing business. It is a framework that is “operationalized” through the power of partnerships. It is youth-guided, family-driven, trauma-informed and culturally responsive to improve outcomes for children and youth with mental and behavioral health challenges and their families. NeSOC is operationalized through a public/private partnership with Nebraska Children and Families Foundation.

In 2016 Nebraska’s SOC efforts were helped through a four-year federal grant awarded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Although the grant targets a specific population and services are specific, the award has been instrumental in taking the System of Care statewide.

Grant Fits Into the Bigger SOC Picture



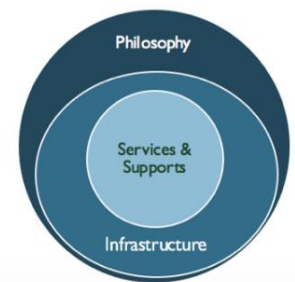
For a comprehensive introduction to Nebraska’s System of Care, access the training video offered by the Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska (BHECN) at: <https://www.unmc.edu/bhecn/education/nebraska-system-of-care/training.html>

Behavioral Health Regions



NeSOC looks different in different areas:

Each Region hosts a local systems of care. Each has different, individualized goals and priorities, but across the state NeSOC shares common philosophies in the approach to care.



Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska

At the State level, NeSOC is directed by a **Leadership Board and Implementation Committee** comprised of representatives from foundational and collaborative partners:

- Administrative Office of the Courts
- Administrative Office of Probation
- Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska
- DHHS Divisions: Behavioral Health, Children and Family Services, Medicaid and Long Term-Care, Developmental Disabilities and Public Health.
- Family Organizations
- Nebraska Children and Families Foundation
- Nebraska Department of Education
- Regional Behavioral Health Authorities (Regions)
- Society of Care
- University of Nebraska – Lincoln: Public Policy Center

Five (5) topic-specific **work teams** carry out the work directed by the Leadership Board and Implementation Committee:

- Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI)
- Cross-system Services and Supports
- Financial Investment
- Social Marketing and Communication
- Training

(For more information on each team see [“Work Teams”](#))

Family and youth involvement is a critical piece of NeSOC. As partners they lend their voice at all levels of NeSOC planning and development. **Family and Youth Advisory Councils** are convened regularly to provide input to the Leadership Board and Implementation Committee on NeSOC activities and implementation.



Participation on a work team or advisory council is welcomed.
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