

CCSI Mission

To provide families and children experiencing multiple and complex needs with a strength based, community system of care that exists to improve the well being of youth and families in their homes, their schools, and their community.

CCSI...

- Is committed to treating you as the expert;
- Provides you and your family a respectful and friendly atmosphere;
- Promises to keep your information confidential; and
- Creates a plan based on your family's strengths.

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Coordinated Children's Services Initiative



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The Purpose

The purpose of the Coordinated Children's Services Initiative (CCSI) is to ensure that families are supported in staying together and that children remain at home and in their community by improving the quality of decision making for children with emotional and behavioral challenges through state and local interagency partnerships.

CCSI is an innovative approach to working with families who need the help of a variety of service systems. It began as a state wide multi-system initiative designed to enable counties to provide services more effectively to families who had children with severe emotional, mental, or behavioral concerns.

CCSI bring families and service providers in their community together to create a coordinated, comprehensive and strength-based family plan that utilizes multiple systems. It is through this coordinated approach that families are supported in staying together and children are maintained in their own communities.

CCSI Works With Families

- CCSI believes that families are the experts, not agencies.
- CCSI concentrates on meeting the needs that the family identifies.
- CCSI works to support families staying together.
- CCSI focuses on the strengths of the child and family, not the problems.
- CCSI ensures parents and agencies work together to meet the needs of the families and children.



The CCSI Process

CCSI meetings are the most important part of the process. CCSI meetings are family friendly and strength focused. A CCSI Facilitator will direct the meeting. The Facilitator will encourage you and others to describe strengths, special interests, and accomplishments of the family. The next step in the process is to identify the family's needs. After needs are identified, the Facilitator will encourage everyone present to help create a plan to best meet those needs. After the meeting, everyone in attendance will receive a copy of the family plan developed at the meeting. After the plan is in place, a CCSI member will check with you to see if the plan meets your needs or if another meeting is necessary. CCSI's involvement is usually brief, lasting about three months. You are encouraged to return to CCSI if you feel we would be of service to your family.