

"Families should be regarded as experts on their children, working together with service providers."

Dear {FIRST_NAME|West Virginia Parents & Caregivers},

Families of children with mental health challenges should be able to get the help they need, close to home.

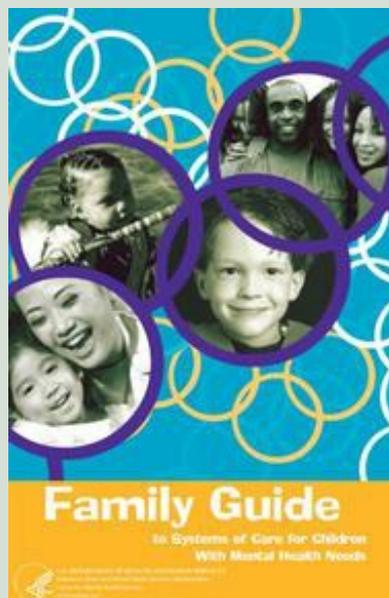
That is why family and youth leaders, service providers and state leaders have been working together since 2006 to create Pathways for Meaningful Change in all West Virginia's child-serving systems.

Welcome to the first monthly issue of "Pathways," where you will learn about what this vital change "looks like." [Visit our new website](#) to learn about the people, programs, training and tools that put W.Va. on the pathway to Family-Driven Care!

What Should Families Expect of Their Children's Service Providers?

Parents and caregivers—of **children who need help getting along with others, controlling their behavior, or expressing emotions**—may look for help from schools, doctors, community mental health centers, social service programs, the courts, or a combination of these "systems."

Working with several different providers can be confusing, even overwhelming, unless service providers and families work as a team. This Family Guide can help parents and guardians know **what questions to ask, what they can expect; and what they can do to help their children.**



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Studies WV Children's
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—West Virginia University

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to Trauma-
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OUR MISSION: The West Virginia System of Care is a public-private-consumer partnership dedicated to building and maintaining effective community based services and supports for children and youth with, or at-risk for behavioral health related challenges, and their families.

[Link to the Family Guide booklet...](#)

Regional Clinical Review Teams have proven effective in reducing out-of-state placement & identifying statewide service needs



The WV System of Care supports a clinical review process for youth with the most serious challenges.

This effort has contributed to positive trends:

- **There was a 7% decrease in the number of youth out of state last year.**
- **In 2010-2011 there was a 9% decrease.**
- **There has been a 19% reduction since 2007.**

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Together, we are changing the way care and services are provided to families of children with behavioral health needs. These changes are based on [Eight key principles](#). [Read More...](#)

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