



SALISH BH-ASO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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PURPOSE

To provide team-based coordination to improve access to services for children and youth experiencing complex behavioral health needs, with priority given to youth being served in emergency departments and needing urgent coordination of services.

POLICY

SBH-ASO SYNC Program is responsible for establishing and strengthening collaborative communication, mapping existing services, and improving service coordination to develop a responsive, robust system of care for youth and their families within Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties.

PROCEDURE

1. SYNC Staff Responsibilities include:
 - a. Program Supervisor
 - i. Leading youth system coordination
 - ii. Providing staff supervision of youth program coordinators,
 - iii. Ensuring the quality of behavioral health services within our community to include coordination with individuals with behavioral health needs, treatment providers/facilities, and participation in statewide planning initiatives.
 - iv. Serving as a liaison between SBH-ASO, youth/families, community partners, treatment agencies, schools, and other stakeholders.
 - v. Developing a plan for engaging Steering Committee Members.
 - vi. Developing a plan for incentivizing Steering Committee Member participation.

b Care Coordinators:

- i. Participating in youth system coordination.
- ii. Ensuring the quality of behavioral health services within our community to include coordination with individuals with behavioral health needs, and treatment providers/facilities
- iii. Serving as a liaison between SBH-ASO, community partners, treatment agencies, schools, youth/families
- iv. Supporting youth and families through multidisciplinary team meetings
- v. Engaging and supporting youth and families in community settings

2. SYNC Steering Committee:

a. SYNC convenes regional stakeholders with representation of significant partners, to include but not limited to:

- i. Child welfare,
- ii. Schools,
- iii. Emergency management services,
- iv. Juvenile justice,
- v. Emergency departments
- vi. behavioral health providers,
- vii. Social support providers,
- viii. Community youth and family peer organizations,
- ix. Black Indigenous People of Color and Tribal affiliated agencies, services, and community supports
- x. Managed Care Organizations care coordinators, and
- xi. Development Disabilities Administration case managers

b. The SYNC charter defines and describes the role of the community partners in:

- i. The SYNC Steering Committee.
- ii. Prioritizing the needs of youth with complex presentations.
- iii. Increasing access to community resources in support of stabilization of the youth and family.
- iv. Developing a mission, vision, and values for SYNC.
- v. Includes a confidentiality agreement for all participants.

3. SYNC maintains a regional release of information (ROI) for use in coordination and multi-disciplinary team engagement.

4. SYNC maintains a community portal where community members can request SYNC services including coordination and a multi-disciplinary team convening.

5. SYNC Staff shall adhere to all program protocols and organizational policy and procedures.