

Child & Adolescent Mental Health

Recommendations
for Improvement by
State Mental Health
Commissions

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List of States

Arizona	Very little about children
California	Separate children's study and report
Connecticut	Chapter on children
Florida	Children's committee and report
Indiana	Very little about children
Kentucky	Separate children's committee and report
Montana	Committee on children
Nevada	No actual report
Ohio	Incorporated children throughout
Tennessee	Committee on children
Virginia	Very little about children
West Virginia	Incorporated in report
Wisconsin	Incorporated in report

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Major Theme

Inadequacy of present system and services

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Ohio

“Access to mental health services for children with a mental, emotional, or behavioral disorder is substandard.”

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California

“The present system fails more children than it serves. It is broken to the point of needing replacement.”

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Other Themes

Values and principles
of a system of care

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Other Themes

Balance between prevention/early intervention and services for children with serious emotional disorders and their families

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Other Themes

Re-examination of funding policies

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Other Themes

Planning, Accountability,
and Responsibility

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Other Themes

Governmental Structures

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Other Themes

Partnership between
Schools and Mental Health

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Other Themes

Transition into Adulthood

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Other Themes

Quality Improvement

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Other Themes

Public Education

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SUMMARY

Agreement about
ineffectiveness
of system although
variability in
recommendations to
address it



SUMMARY

Consistency in values,
principles and beliefs

