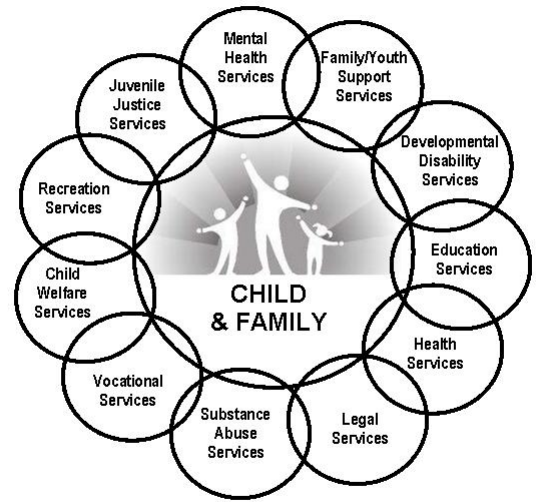

Key values & principles underlying West Virginia's System of Care

- Support required by children with emotional, social and behavioral challenges must be found in the community.
- Services and care must be available regardless of ability to pay.
- Families must be viewed as equal partners and colleagues.
- Children are best served in their own homes, schools and communities.
- Child serving systems and agencies must collaborate to create a seamless system.
- Services must be individualized to meet the needs of each child and family.
- Services must focus on strengths and competencies, rather than deficiencies.
- Interventions and services must be available to “wrap” services around the child and family.
- Services must be culturally sensitive and respect family differences.
- Services and supports must be trauma-informed.



The West Virginia System of Care is a public/private/consumer partnership dedicated to building the foundation for an effective community-based continuum of care that empowers children at risk of out-of-home care and their families.