Barriers to Accessing Mental Health Services
Provider

Competence / Fit

Diagnosis, eligibility & rules

System
Provider Competence / Fit

- Skill / approach
- Philosophy
- Over-reliance on medication
- Family-driven perspective
- Understands idiosyncratic communication patterns
- Directive vs. collaborative
Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)

- **Eligibility**
  - Must have “diagnosis of mental disorder” DHS 36.14(1)
  - Cannot be denied because of “disability” DHS 36.13(4)

- **Service transition**
  - Do not have to give up ABA service, but do have to use a psychotherapist in the CCS provider network (ForwardHealth Update 2014-42)

- **Informed consent**
  - Consumer-driven DHS 36.03(7)

- **Choice**
  - In selection of team members, services, and providers DHS 36.19(1)(a)
system

noun system | ˈsi-stəm |

1: set of things working together as parts of a mechanism or an interconnecting network to form a unified whole.

2: harmonious arrangement or pattern
Intensity of mental health need

- Outpatient & Medication Services
- Community-based Support Programs
- Out-of-Home Residential Services
- Hospitalization (Voluntary)
- Hospitalization (Involuntary)
- Detention / Corrections

Parental Control
Intensity of mental health need

Parental Control

Outpatient & Medication Services

Community-based Support Programs

Out-of-Home Residential Services

Detention / Corrections

Hospitalization (Involuntary)

Hospitalization (Voluntary)

Child Welfare System
Intensity of mental health need

Parental Control

Outpatient & Medication Services
Community-based Support Programs
Out-of-Home Residential Services
Detention / Corrections
Hospitalization (Involuntary)
Hospitalization (Voluntary)

Best for kids
Intensity of mental health need

Outpatient & Medication Services
Community-based Support
Out-of-Home Residential Services
Detention / Corrections
Hospitalization (Voluntary)
Hospitalization (Involuntary)

Parental Control

Best for kids
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Best for providers
Intensity of mental health need

Parental Control

Outpatient & Medication Services

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Hospitalization (Involuntary)

Best for Providers
Intensity of mental health need

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Hospitalization (Voluntary)

Hospitalization (Involuntary)

Parental Control

Most Efficient

Intergovernmental Collaboration
These are the structures we have

Intensity of mental health need

Parental Control
Children 0-12 Receiving Public Mental Health Services
(Per 1,000 children with SED)

Wisconsin

National average
Children 13-17 Receiving Public Mental Health Services
(Per 1,000 children with SED)

Wisconsin

National average
Children 0-17 Served in Community MH Programs
(Per 1,000 children with SED)

Wisconsin
National average
Children 0-17 Served in State Psychiatric Hospitals
(Per 1,000 children with SED)

Wisconsin

National average
Health Outcomes

Health Factors

Policies & Programs

Health Behaviors (30%)
- Tobacco Use
- Diet & Exercise
- Alcohol & Drug Use
- Sexual Activity

Clinical Care (20%)
- Access to Care
- Quality of Care

Social & Economic Factors (40%)
- Education
- Employment
- Income
- Family & Social Support
- Community Safety
- Air & Water Quality
- Housing & Transit

Physical Environment (10%)
Relative Effect on Health Outcomes

Clinical Care

Social Supports
Importance of Peer Support

Service Respondents Ranked Most Important

Peer Support & Parent Peer Support: Impact and Relative Importance as Reported by Service Recipients (Ruffalo, Davis, et al., Medical College of Wisconsin, 2016)
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Human Services
Create a separate children’s mental health code in state statute that ensures:

- a comprehensive service array
- voluntary access to mental health services without having to file a CHIPS petition and enter the child-welfare system
- an expanded network of in-home and community-based services and supports
- residential treatment, when needed, specifically designed to address mental health issues
- eligibility screening for Medicaid-related services based on state-of-the-art assessment practices
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