

# Cuyahoga Tapestry System of Care

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## **Our Vision:**

Weaving Solutions with Children and their Families.

## **Our Mission:**

The Cuyahoga Tapestry System of Care exists to enhance the lives of children with significant behavioral needs who are involved in multiple systems through family-focused, child-centered, strength-based, and culturally competent care in their community.

## **Our Approach:**

Cuyahoga Tapestry System of Care, “Tapestry” as it is called by families, continues to evolve in its goal of serving children with emotional difficulties and their families. Building from a grant received from the United States Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in 2003 to increase our community’s children’s mental health capacity through the development of a system of care, Tapestry employs a community wraparound process which serves more than 600 families each year through both *care coordination* and *family advocacy and supportive services*.

Using a community wraparound process, the focus in Cuyahoga County is on discovering the strengths, needs and culture of each individual family, while also tapping into close-to-home community services and natural supports that can sustain the family during the process and beyond. Families, along with their Care Coordinator, develop a team of people who can address each family’s individual needs with innovative and non-traditional solutions. Tapestry partners with various community mental health providers as well as clusters of Neighborhood Collaboratives representing different geographic districts across the county.

## **Our Outcome Goals:**

1. Improved family and youth functioning
2. Reduced recidivism in juvenile justice
3. Reduced recidivism in child welfare
4. Increased effectiveness and efficiency

## **Our Accomplishments:**

Cuyahoga Tapestry System of Care has and will continue to strive towards improved outcomes for children with emotional difficulties and their families. Some notable accomplishments to date include:

- Significant outcome data including 80% improved functioning for enrolled families, less than 4% repeat maltreatment for enrolled children, and an average rate of recidivism of 26% of youth post-disenrollment
- Emerged as a graduated SAMHSA site and called upon to consult with newly awarded System of Care sites including two in Ohio (Hamilton and Clermont)
- Recognized nationally for family involvement and evaluation efforts
- Increased system integration and capacity for serving multi-need children and their families, by building on the child welfare Family-to-Family initiative
- Partnered with Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court in closing of the Youth Development Center (YDC) including providing care coordination services and wrap support to these youth

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