


# What is Cuyahoga Tapestry System of Care?

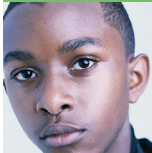


The Cuyahoga Tapestry System of Care is a partnership of local agencies, public partners and neighborhood centers that takes a family-centered, team approach to serving children with multiple needs. Rather than looking at what is “wrong” with a family -- the family and team look at the family’s strengths, needs and culture and take action.




Systems of care are built on the principles and values of being:

- family-driven
- team-based
- neighborhood-based



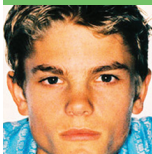
That means that children and adolescents with multiple and complicated emotional needs deserve to be at home and safe, with a team of family members, neighbors and caring professionals devoted to their wellbeing and long-term health.

## How is it different?




“Tapestry,” as the system of care in Cuyahoga County is called by families, is different from traditional social service programs because it:

- widens the safety net to help families in need when children are younger
- lets dollars follow the child, instead of the old way of doing business that meant communities paid for potentially repetitive services
- gives families access to a network of services—everything that a community has to offer to families in need



Tapestry is also family-driven, which means that not only do parents and caregivers take an active role in shaping their care, they also participate in governance of the entire system of care.

## How do we know it works?



Cuyahoga County’s local data indicate that children thrive in this type of care:

- clinical outcomes improve or stabilize for 89% of youth with behavioral and emotional problems
- 91% of children and youth with a history of suicide attempts or suicide ideation improve or stabilize
- other indicators, like school performance, stability at home, parental employment, all show that systems of care work!

Data from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), which provides the grants that launch systems of care, indicate that systems of care save taxpayers money. On average, wraparound care saves child welfare systems \$7,965 per child in residential placement costs over the course of a month, and saves juvenile justice systems between \$800–\$3,000 per child within the same time frame.





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