

SOCAC

System of Care Advisory Council

Fact Sheet



What is the System of Care (SOC)?

A System of Care is ...

- A philosophy based on cross system collaboration that supports youth and families who have complex and significant behavioral and mental health needs, including intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- A set of values
- An organizational structure to address system barriers

The goal is to create an effective continuum of services and supports that are youth- and family-driven, community-based, and culturally and linguistically responsive.

What is the System of Care Advisory Council (SOCAC)?

The SOCAC is a 25 member, governor-appointed council that acts as a central, statewide, independent forum for statewide policy, planning and funding recommendations. The purpose of the council is to improve the effectiveness and efficacy of child serving state agencies and the continuum of services for young people, aged 0–25.

What do local Systems of Care do?

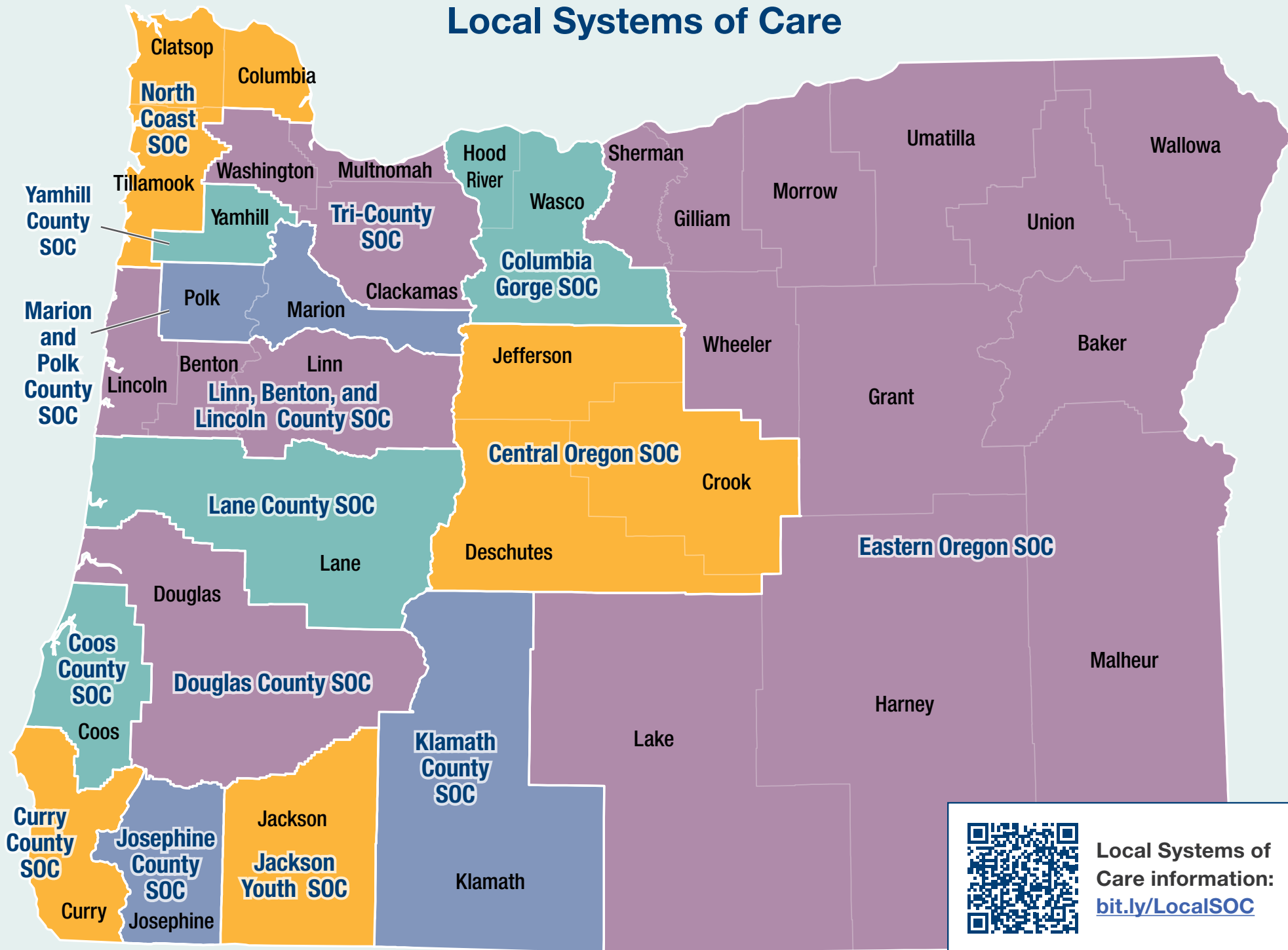
Oregon's coordinated care organizations (CCOs) are required to convene child-serving agency representatives to participate in local Systems of Care. Local Systems of Care include partners from mental health, child welfare, intellectual and/or developmental disabilities, juvenile justice, education, youth and family members. These local groups identify and resolve system barriers impacting youth and families.



Resources:
bit.ly/OregonSOC

- [Oregon's System of Care](#)
- [System of Care Advisory Council](#)
- [SOC Data Dashboard](#)
- [Oregon 2022–2025 SOC Strategic Plan](#) (also available in Spanish)

Local Systems of Care



Local Systems of Care information:
bit.ly/LocalSOC

Oregon's System of Care Strategic Plan

Vision: A future where young people from all backgrounds are healthy, safe, learning and thriving at home and in their communities.

Outcomes:

- All youth have connections to their community.
- All children and youth have a permanent home.
- Families know about available services and supports.
- Youth can access care when they need it.
- Youth have access to culturally and linguistically responsive care.
- System involved youth graduate from high school.
- System involved youth have necessary independent living skills.
- System involved youth have a plan to continue with their education or have a vocational plan and related identified services and supports.
- Children in child welfare custody are served in home, wherever safety permits.
- The juvenile justice system is not used as a gateway to behavioral health services.
- Young people involved in multiple systems do not, after the age of 21, enter the adult correctional system.

Pillars:

I: Youth and family centered

Youth and Family are full partners in care at the individual, program and policy levels with strengths and needs of the child and family determining the types and mix of services and supports provided.

II. Integrated and collaborative

Child and youth serving systems are integrated and collaborative with shared initiatives, funding, processes, and policies that are youth and family driven, transparent and grounded in the System of Care philosophy.

III. Culturally and linguistically responsive

Services and supports are developmentally appropriate, culturally and linguistically responsive, and trauma informed.

IV. Community based

Services and supports are community based so that appropriate care options are accessible, flexible, and available at home or close by.

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