



# **CONNECT: The Connecticut Network of Care Transformation Initiative**

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# Overview

- SAMHSA SOC Expansion Planning Grant
- Develop statewide strategic plan for expanding network of care to statewide and regionalized structure
- Integrates behavioral health, child welfare, early childhood, juvenile justice, education, substance abuse
- Develop comprehensive statewide data system to promote integration and quality

# Principles of a Network of Care

- Family-driven and youth-guided
- Community-based
- Culturally and linguistically competent
- Individualized care
- Developmentally appropriate
- Ensures availability and access
- Incorporates health promotion, prevention, early identification and intervention
- Data-driven with CQI framework



# Leadership Structure

- CONNECT Leadership Team
- CONNECT Statewide Steering Team
- Youth and Family Voice Team
- Data Team
- Expansion Planning Teams and Network Implementation Teams

# SOC-RIMS Results

- Domains

- **Strengths:**

- Evaluation
  - Collaboration
  - Accountability

- **Areas for Growth:**

- Plan to Expand Services
  - Shared Goals
  - Leadership

- **Other:**

- Families and Youth as Partners
  - Network of Local Partners

# Activities and Opportunities

- Collaboration with other efforts (PA 13-178, Three Branch)
- Shared vocabulary
- Systems integration through shared decision-making, technical assistance
- Focus groups and data collection
- AoT training
- Social media and marketing campaign



# Next Steps

- Expand family participation
- Invite discussions on CONNECT at all tables
- Build capacity at the regional level
- Continue to weave together Statewide Behavioral Health Plan and Three Branch initiatives with CONNECT
- Application for SOC Expansion Implementation Cooperative Agreement

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