



Child and Adolescent Services System Program (CASSP) Care Coordinating Council - Region 8

Why does this Council exist?

MISSION: “Develop and make available regional community resources and gather together to assess needs and strengths to overcome barriers and provide services and supports for children and families.”

VISION: “Create a community able to meet the changing needs of children and families.”

PURPOSE: “Expand community resource partnerships thereby increasing available resources to deliver supports and services to children and families in need.”

When does this Council meet?

The Council meets on the second Thursday of each month in Yellville. The Council is presently scheduled in 2011 to meet on November 10th at the Health Resources of Arkansas office in Yellville (319 Highway 14 South, #1, Yellville, Arkansas 72687; (866) 308-9927 - extension 1748).

Who are the Council Members?

The Council is made up of Steering and Advisory Members from the 5 counties of CASSP Region 8 (Baxter, Boone, Marion, Newton and Searcy). Together, Steering and Advisory members represent a cross-section of persons from the 5 counties who represent families, youths, mental health agencies (both public and private), Child-Serving Divisions of the AR Department of Human Services, AR Department of Health, local schools, early childhood programs, substance abuse service providers, and non-profit and other community agencies that provide services to children and families. The meetings of the Council are open to the public and the Council is currently recruiting additional Steering and Advisory Members. We welcome you to participate.

What does this Council Offer the Community?

The Council serves as a regional planning team for developing improved services and supports that children and families need to keep their children in their home, local schools, and in their local communities. The council works together to strategically plan ways to increase coordination between those agencies or persons that provide services and supports to children and families, identify gaps in current service system, develop new or improved services and supports that are needed, and communicate to local and state government officials the stumbling blocks, barriers, and successes of the regional community in meeting the needs of our families.

The Council also serves as the governing body of community funding allocated for purchasing critical individualized services and supports for those children who are involved in Wraparound (or person-centered planning) to prevent or reduce placements of the referred child or adolescent into a psychiatric hospital, residential setting, foster care system, or juvenile detention center.

Who do I Contact to Learn More About the Council or About Wraparound Services?

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