

Tulsa Public Schools  
Division of Teaching and Learning  
Department of Special Education and Student Services

To: Principals, Counselors, Special Education Department Chairs, and Lead Teachers

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Re: Systems of Care Services

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We are very fortunate again this year to have Systems of Care joining with Tulsa Public Schools to provide services to the families of our students in need. In the past, this partnership has been a key element in assisting with the recovery of many of our students and families in crisis.

Systems of Care focuses on developing and sustaining a component of wraparound services based on a framework of individualized service planning and delivery tailored to the specific treatment and support needs of each child with mental health needs and his or her family. This wraparound approach is an intensive, individualized and community-based approach to care planning and management for children with behavioral and emotional disturbance and their families. Collaborative family provider teams work together with the family to engage in a strengths-based, culturally competent planning process to produce an individualized plan that meets the specific needs of each child and his or her family.

Referrals to the Systems of Care process can be made through your building intervention team to me here in the Special Education and Student Services Department. Families must complete an application form and be willing to participate in the planning process of their individualized care plan. The family must also be willing to allow Systems of Care personnel into their home.

Application forms for your intervention team will be sent to the attention of your special education department chair and/or lead teacher via District mail. If you have any questions regarding Systems of Care, please do not hesitate to call me at 746-6399.