



Monterey County's

Systems of Care Core Principles:

Family Driven and
Youth Guided

Strength Based

Culturally Competent

Community Based

Utilization of
Evidence Based and
Best Practice Models

Multi Agency
Collaboration

Systems of Care Help Families:

Have a Voice in
the Care of Their
Child.

Systems of Care Help Children & Youth:

Be Safe, Stay in
School and Out of
Trouble!

Systems of Care Help Organizations:

Use Resources Efficiently to
Provide Better Quality Care
to More Children.

Children and youth with serious mental health needs make substantial improvements at home, at school and in the community when served through Systems of Care that provide community-based services such as Monterey County's System of Care: La Familia Sana/The Healthy Family.

Why is a System of Care Important?

System of Care communities have been successful not only in meeting the mental health needs of children and youth, but also in helping them thrive in all aspects of their lives. Children and youth with serious mental health needs make substantial improvements at home, at school and in the community when served through Systems of Care that provide community-based services.

Who is part of Monterey County's System of Care?

Children and youth impacted by emotional and behavioral challenges and their families, as well as the organizations serving their needs.

In Monterey County this includes:

- Children's Behavioral Health (CBH)
 - Department of Social and Employment Services (DSES)
 - Probation Department/Juvenile Justice
 - Monterey County Office of Education (MCOE)
 - Community-based Agencies
- ...and many more.

System of Care at a Glance

Based on 163 family member responses, **95% agreed** with the statement: **"I am satisfied with the services my child received."** Compared to 92% in FY 2006 and 88% in FY 2005.

88% of families and **71%** of youth agreed that **their family's cultural values were understood and respected.**

Throughout this report FY 2007 refers to data between October 1, 2006 and September 30, 2007.

In FY 2007, **2,238 children and youth** ages 0-25 received services from Children's Behavioral Health in Monterey County. This represents a **11% increase** compared with FY 2006 (2,013 children) and a **37% increase** to FY 2005, when 1,628 children and youth received services.

78% of families agreed with the statement: **As a result of the services my child and/or family received, my child is doing better in school and/or work.** (Compared with 73% in FY 2006.)

82% of family members and caregivers agreed that as a result of receiving services in Monterey County's System of Care, **their child was better at handling daily life.** This is an improvement to FY 2006 with 71%.

In FY 2007, **9 out of 10 youth (94%)** in the enrolled-based system of care had **no new law enforcement charges.** This is an improvement to FY 2006 with **87.6%** and FY 2005 with **87.5%**.

